



Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for redress of grievances.

What does the First Amendment mean to you?

This year we will observe the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights—the first 10 amendments to the U. S. Constitution.

Drafted into law more than two centuries ago this document is as important today as it was in 1791.

What does it mean to you? We thought we'd find out with an essay contest for readers of all ages.

Here is your opportunity to express your feelings about the freedoms we, as Americans, enjoy every day of our lives. What do your rights to free speech and religion mean to you?

Is freedom of the press something you would want to be without? Do your rights of free speech and religion hold special meaning for you?

Winning essays in **The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers First Amendment Essay Contest** will be published Thursday, July 4th, in your hometown newspaper.

It's easy to enter, just read the rules below and mail your entry by Saturday, June 15, 1991.

Celebrate the Bill of Rights! Send in your entry today.

RULES ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

1. The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers **THE FIRST AMENDMENT ESSAY CONTEST** is open to anyone living in The Observer & Eccentric circulation area. Observer & Eccentric employees and members of their immediate families are not eligible.
2. No entry fee is required.
3. All entries must be typed and received no later than Saturday, June 15, 1991.
4. One entry per person.
5. Entries must be 300 words or less and written as an essay or poem.
6. Judges for **THE FIRST AMENDMENT ESSAY CONTEST** will be selected from the staff of the Observer & Eccentric Editorial Department.
7. Winning essays will be chosen in three categories:
Ages 12 years and under
Ages 13 to 18 years
Ages 19 years and older
8. One winner will be chosen from each age category, however more essays may be published.

PRIZES ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

One prize will be awarded to the winner in each age category as follows:

Ages 12 and under and ages 13 to 18 years:

\$50 U.S. Savings Bond

Ages 19 and older:

Tickets to Meadow Brook
Two tickets to the "All American Spectacular" at Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester, on Friday, June 28, 1991

To enter, fill in the entry form below and send it with your expression of what the First Amendment means to you to:

FIRST AMENDMENT ESSAY CONTEST
The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers
36251 Schoolcraft
Livonia, MI 48150

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AGE _____

I hereby certify that my entry into The Observer & Eccentric First Amendment Essay Contest is my original work and that my signature below authorizes publication of same in The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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