

## FIRST AMENDMENT CONTESTS

DEADLINE: Feb. 15

Essay Contest:

Advisers are encouraged to send up to three of their best student entries based on this year's Society of Professional Journalist essay topic:

*"Why is it important that we have news media that are independent of the government?"*

Include the entry form that can be downloaded from the Society of Professional Journalist website but send to Diana Hadley. (IHSPA will pay national entry fees and forward winning entries to the national contest.)

### David Adams First Amendment Contests

•[Poster or t-shirt](#) designs that promote the First Amendment should be submitted as a PDF and sent to Diana Hadley's email: [dhadley@franklincollege.edu](mailto:dhadley@franklincollege.edu)

•[Special publications or in-depth features](#) about First Amendment issues. (A feature story about the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hazelwood would be a possible example for this category this year.)

•[Other First Amendment projects](#) can include video or multimedia presentations that promote or describe First Amendment Freedoms or special educational events planned for the student's school or community. Past entries have included First Amendment weeks or First Amendment programs for the community or multiple schools. Description of projects should be submitted with materials that help describe the projects. (There is flexibility in this category to encourage creativity. Questions about possible entries are welcome.)

[Entries for all contests should be sent by the deadlines above to:](#)

Diana Hadley, IHSPA,  
Franklin College  
101 Branigin Boulevard  
Franklin, IN 46131.

Awards for all the contests described above will be presented at the First Amendment Symposium at the Indiana Statehouse, March 6, 2013, 4:00 p.m.