

The Ninth Annual Banned Books Week Essay Contest

In honor of the 28th annual observance of Banned Books Week (September 26 – October 3, 2009), the Colorado Freedom of Expression Foundation and the Tattered Cover are co-sponsoring our ninth annual teen essay contest. All Colorado teens, grades 7 - 12, are invited to submit an original essay on the First Amendment's relationship to books. To enter, follow the contest rules listed below and attach the entry form at the bottom of this page to your essay. Winners will be chosen from each of the following groups:

Grades 7 & 8 Grades 9 & 10 Grades 11 & 12

Contest Rules

- Entries must be original and typewritten, double-spaced.
- Entries must be postmarked by January 22, 2010.
- Length: maximum of 600 words.
- One entry per person, please.
- Entries will not be returned, so please keep a copy for yourself.
- Entrant must be a Colorado resident.

Each first place winner will receive a **\$75.00** cash prize. Each second place winner will receive a **\$50.00** cash prize. Each third place winner will receive a **\$25.00** cash prize. Winners will be invited to read their essays at a reception in their honor. The school libraries of the first place winners will receive a **\$200.00** grant for the purchase of books from the Tattered Cover.

Bring your entry to either Tattered Cover Children's section or mail it to:

Tattered Cover Book Store, Banned Books Week Essay Contest, 1628 16th St., Denver, CO 80202

Please complete this form and attach it to your entry. Entries with incomplete forms, or without entry forms, will be disqualified. Please print. Sorry, you will not be notified unless your essay has won. The winning essays will be published online at www.tatteredcover.com. Staff and relatives of TC staff are ineligible. This form may be reproduced.

Name _____ Essay word count _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Age ____ Grade ____ Home Phone # or Home E-mail _____

School Name _____ School Phone # or E-mail _____

School Address _____ Zip _____

Teacher's Name _____

This essay is my own original work, signed _____

(Please sign your name here.)