



**JUSTICE:**

**In our SCHOOLS,**

**on the STREETS,**

**in our SOCIETY.**

# 2009 Freedom of Expression Contest

**Civil Liberties:** The fundamental freedoms upon which our country is based; freedom of speech and religion, the right to privacy, equality, justice and ... even the right to go to school.

What civil liberties issues affect you? Why are they important? What can we do to protect them?

**Winners will receive cash prizes up to \$1,000!**

## So Speak Out!

The subject is up to you, but some possible topics include:



Due Process & Justice



Freedom of Speech



Immigrants' Rights



Racial Justice



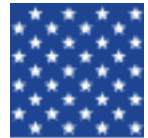
Reproductive Rights



LGBT Rights



Disability Rights



Liberty & Security

## Get Creative!

Write an essay or a poem. Perform spoken word. Create a piece of art. Make a video or public service announcement. Sing or rhyme. Just express your views on the civil rights and liberties you care about, why they are important and how you're fighting to defend them.

**Entries must be submitted by Friday, May 22**

**to [YouthWorkingGroup@nyclu.org](mailto:YouthWorkingGroup@nyclu.org) or**

**NYCLU Contest, 125 Broad St., New York NY 10004.**

**Questions? Call 212.607.3361 or  
email [YouthWorkingGroup@nyclu.org](mailto:YouthWorkingGroup@nyclu.org)**

**[www.NYCLU.org/contest](http://www.NYCLU.org/contest)**

Entries must be original (group entries accepted), and will not be returned. The NYCLU will announce the winners of the contest by June 24, 2009. The contest is made possible by a grant from the Shelley and Donald Rubin Foundation.

Current and former NYCLU/ACLU staff and board members, and their relatives, are not eligible.

We'll accept any of these formats:

- An essay of up to 750 words
- A poem or spoken word piece up to 3 pages or 5 minutes long, submitted in writing, on CD/DVD or as an electronic file
- A poster, cartoon, painting, etc. designed with a computer or by hand, submitted by mail or electronically as a jpeg or pdf
- A video, song or public service announcement up to 5 minutes long submitted via an electronic link (like YouTube) or on CD/DVD