



2018 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY COMPETITION EXCHANGE CLUB OF SAN RAMON VALLEY

THEME: The U.S. Constitution - First Amendment – One of the freedoms in the First Amendment is the Right to Assemble. When, if ever, can that right be restricted and under what circumstances. Is the right to assemble crucial to a democratic participation? Why or why not. Cite examples where appropriate.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

First Place \$1,500; Second Place \$ 1,000; Third Place \$ 500

NOTE: Scholarship funds will be deposited in an account in your name solely for tuition and fees payable to the college that you attend. **ELIGIBILITY:** Students in Grades 9 -12

ESSAY RULES

1. **TOPIC** The object of the essay is for the contestants to demonstrate their understanding of the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment Rights.

REQUIRED:

All documents must be completed and attendance at presentation will be given extra points.

- (a) Tie in information given by the speaker to your perspectives of the importance of the First Amendment to the democratic system.
- (b) Use the documents in the Freedom Shrine to serve as references as you develop your essay. These documents state our country's founding principles, demonstrate an application of our principles, and relate how citizens in past generations have upheld or paid a price for freedom.
- (c) All work must be the product of the writer or cited using MLA format. Any paper found to be plagiarized will be disqualified. More information can be found at <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/> and <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/01/> at

2. **DUE DATE** Friday, April 13, 2018 5:00 p.m. Late entries will not be judged.
ELECTRONIC version is required: Dkerger1@aol.com.
Please leave a message at 925.838.9282 that essay is being sent.

3. **WORD COUNT** 500-750 words in body of the essay (excluding any footnotes)

4. **FORMATTING** Size 12, single-spaced; blank line separator between paragraphs
Quotations: Use quotation marks and italics font
Please email electronic version to dkerger1@aol.com.

5. **COVER SHEET MUST** contain all the required information and sign your name.

6. **QUESTIONS:** Please contact Donna Kerger at 925.838.9272.



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**2018 ESSAY SUBMISSION
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**"First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution
Constitutional Right to Assemble"**

DATE _____

NAME _____

SCHOOL _____

GRADE LEVEL _____ CLASS OF _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE (HOME) _____

(CELL) _____

EMAIL _____

NUMBER OF ESSAY WORDS _____

NUMBER OF FOOTNOTE WORDS (IF ANY) _____

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DOCUMENTS CITED _____

I affirm that this essay represents my own, original work and agree that this submission, if it is selected as a finalist, becomes the property of the Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley and may be published by the Exchange Club, for example, in the local newspaper(s).

SIGNATURE: _____