



The Center for Alcohol Policy Essay Contest 2009

Description

The Center for Alcohol Policy (CAP) is sponsoring its second annual essay contest for all interested writers over the age of 18. The subject of this year's contest is:

“State regulation of alcohol is important because...”

Award

Cash prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in the amount of **\$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,250** respectively. The winners will be notified in **December 2009**.

The winning essays will be posted to the CAP Web site, and the winning essays may also be featured in CAP events, programs and collaterals.

Deadline

The deadline for submissions is **November 18, 2009**. Essay submissions and the required Essay Contest Entry Form must be received by 11:59 p.m. EST on November 18, 2009. Essays postmarked or e-mailed after this time will not be considered. Submissions may be e-mailed to essay@centerforalcoholpolicy.org or submitted as a hard copy to:

Center for Alcohol Policy
Attn: Essay Contest
1101 King Street, Suite 600-A
Alexandria, VA 22314

Eligibility

The contest is open to all persons over the age of 18. Students, academics, practicing attorneys, policymakers and members of the general public are encouraged to submit essays. No relatives of individuals working for the Center for Alcohol Policy, the National Beer Wholesalers Association or its leadership or contest judges are eligible to submit entries for this contest.

Any interested person working for a government entity must certify his or her eligibility and comply with appropriate ethics laws to enter or win this contest prior to submitting an essay.

Format and Content

For this essay contest, a wide range of essay formats are eligible and encouraged. These can be formal law review article submissions or less structured, non-academic essays. Any form of citations is acceptable as long as citations are consistent throughout the essay. The essay should be double-spaced with at least 12-point, Times New Roman font and should not exceed twenty-five (25) pages in length, excluding endnotes.

Submissions that have been published or accepted for publication may be considered. However, the author must secure the consent of the other journal for the Center for Alcohol Policy to use a winning publication on its Web site, at events, for programs and in collateral materials by providing appropriate documentation from the publication. **All entries become the property of the Center for Alcohol Policy.**

Judging Process

All submissions will go through an initial screening process. All eligible submissions will be reviewed by three screening judges. Finalists from this process will then have their essays reviewed by a panel of judges who will judge the essays on: analysis of the question; depth of this analysis; readiness of the essay for publication; quality of writing; originality of the topic and the analysis used; and thoroughness of the research and its overall ability to creatively and effectively highlight why state-based alcohol regulation is important.

Should you have any further questions, please contact the CAP at (703) 519-3090 or e-mail essay@centerforalcoholpolicy.org.