



## 2018 Essay Contest

### Description

The Center for Alcohol Policy is sponsoring a writing contest for all interested participants who are over the age of 18 as of December 2018. The contest topic is:

*The licensing of individuals and businesses that are involved in the commerce of alcoholic beverages is an important feature of state-based alcohol regulation. Why is licensing necessary for an orderly marketplace, what impact does it have on public health and safety and what are the benefits provided by licensing systems?*

### Award

Cash prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in the amount of **\$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,000**, respectively. The award will be provided when essay contest winners are announced.

The winning essays will be posted to the Center for Alcohol Policy website and highlighted across additional platforms.

### Deadline

Essay submissions must be received by **5:30 p.m. EST on Dec. 7, 2018**. Essays submitted after this deadline will not be considered. Entries may be submitted through <https://tinyurl.com/2018EssayContest>.

### Eligibility

The contest is open to all persons over the age of 18 as of December 2018. Students, academics, practicing attorneys, policymakers and the general public are encouraged to

submit essays. No relatives of individuals working for the Center for Alcohol Policy, its leadership or contest judges are eligible to submit entries for this contest.

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

## **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 nonacademic essays. Any form of citations is acceptable, as long as the format is consistent throughout the essay. **The essay should be submitted double spaced with at least 12-point font in Times New Roman format and should not exceed 25 pages in length, exclusive of endnotes.** Submissions that have been published previously or accepted for publication may be considered only if the author has secured consent from the other journal for the Center for Alcohol Policy to post the winning publication on its website with an appropriate note about the other publication. **All entries become the property of the Center for Alcohol Policy.**

## **Judging Process**

All submissions will go through an initial screening process. Finalists from this process then will be given to a panel of judges who will judge each essay on its analysis of the question, the depth of this analysis, the readiness of the essay for publication, the quality of the writing, the originality of the topic and the analysis used, the thoroughness of the research and its overall ability to creatively and effectively discuss licensing in the alcohol industry.

Winners will be announced in early 2019.

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