



2015 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 2015. The contest topic is:

2015 marks the 10 year anniversary of the Supreme Court's Granholm decision, which ruled against two states' laws that discriminated against out-of-state alcohol producers but also affirmed that "The three-tier system is unquestionably legitimate." How has this "unquestionably legitimate" system fostered competition, increased new products available to consumers and worked to protect consumers and the public?

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 indefinitely to the Center for Alcohol Policy website and attempts to further highlight these winning entries will be undertaken.

Deadline

Essay submissions and the required Essay Contest Entry Form must be received by **December 5, 2015, 5:30 p.m. EST**. Essays postmarked/emailed after this deadline will not be considered. Entries may be emailed to essay@centerforalcoholpolicy.org or mailed as a hard copy to:

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

Eligibility

The contest is open to all persons over the age of 18 as of December 2015. 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, 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 one form 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. All eligible submissions will be reviewed by three screening judges. 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 describe what policymakers and regulators can learn from the movement to end alcohol Prohibition.

Winners will be announced in early 2016.

For additional information, please feel free to contact the Center for Alcohol Policy at (703) 519-3090.