

NEW! The Bill of Rights Institute's

first 5 in my life video contest



**\$10,000
in prizes**

10 CASH PRIZES
IN 2 CATEGORIES

TELL YOUR STORY
FIRST AMENDMENT
IN YOUR COMMUNITY

REPORT ANOTHER'S STORY
FIRST AMENDMENT
IN THE UNITED STATES

The *First 5 In My Life Video Contest* begins January 15, 2010! Electronic submissions and supporting materials must be received at DoYouHaveTheRight.org/first5 by March 15, 2010.

The First Five In My Life Video Contest is sponsored by the Bill of Rights Institute and Channel One, and made possible through generous grants from the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation and Larry Smead.

THE VIDEO

Students in grades 7 through 12 will create a video report or public service announcement of no more than 2 minutes in length in one of two categories:

First Amendment in Your Community

- Identify a First Amendment issue in your community
- Conduct interview(s) to gather information
- Analyze First Amendment implications and draw a conclusion
- Persuade viewers to accept your conclusion

First Amendment in the United States

- Respond to a prompt about a current First Amendment controversy
- Inform viewers about the facts of the issue
- Analyze the constitutional question and draw a conclusion
- Persuade viewers to accept your conclusion

THE DIRECTOR'S NOTES

In addition to their 2-minute video, students will submit written responses to 3-4 questions in the form of "Director's Notes." Questions will include at least one production question, as well as 2-3 critical thinking questions about the issue covered in the video.

HOW TO ENTER

- Step 1: On December 1, 2009, find contest details at DoYouHaveTheRight.org/first5.
- Step 2: Review the resources and contest instructions.
- Step 3: Produce your video using digital video or computer-based methods.
- Step 4: Submit your video and supporting materials at DoYouHaveTheRight.org/first5 between January 15 and March 15, 2010!

