



## U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana Bill of Rights Poster Contest

*“The Framers of the Bill of Rights did not purport to ‘create’ rights. Rather, they designed the Bill of Rights to prohibit our Government from infringing rights and liberties presumed to be pre-existing.”*  
- U.S. Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, Jr.

*The Bill of Rights protects fundamental individual rights, such as freedom of speech, freedom of religion, the right against unreasonable search and seizure, and right against self-incrimination*

**Poster Prompt: What Bill of Rights Amendment means the most to you personally? Please visually depict that amendment.**

**Who May Enter:** The contest is open to all high school students in grades 9-12 in the Eastern District of Louisiana (Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, and Washington Parishes). Students in grades 9-12 attending public, private, religious or charter schools, enrolled in a GED or correspondence school program, or attending a home school program are welcomed to participate. **Note:** Students participating may not have a direct connection to any judge selected to evaluate entries. **Submissions will be accepted beginning February 5, 2021.**

**Size and Format:** Posters must adhere to the topic and size requirements (8 ½” x 11”). Posters must be submitted electronically in PDF format as an attachment along with a completed contest entry form sent via email to [edla\\_contests@laed.uscourts.gov](mailto:edla_contests@laed.uscourts.gov). The contest entry form should be sent as a separate PDF in the same email. **Please do not include your name on your poster.**

**Submission Deadline:** Your poster and entry form must be submitted by 11:59 pm (CST) on March 5, 2021. Go to the [contest web page](#) for the complete contest rules and to complete the contest entry form.

**Judging:** Posters will be judged based upon the following criteria:

- Adherence to topic (5 points)
- Originality (5 points)
- Artistic Design (5 points)

**Awards:** Cash prizes will be awarded to the artists of the five top posters, and announced at a Zoom event scheduled for March 31, 2021, at 4:00 pm.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$2,000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$1,500
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$1,000
- 2 Honorable Mention Prizes: \$500 each

**Questions?** Go to [contest web page](#) or contact the Clerk’s Office at (504) 589-7654 or [edla\\_contests@laed.uscourts.gov](mailto:edla_contests@laed.uscourts.gov).