

PRESS RELEASE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
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INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (October 1, 2024): During the month of October, the United States Courts throughout the Seventh and Eighth Circuits are hosting the **Fifth Annual Bill of Rights Day Contest** and want YOU to be a part of it!

School aged children in grades 5-12 in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin are invited to submit an essay, poem, video, photograph, song, or piece of art in celebration of Bill of Rights Day. Full contest details, prompts, and rules can be found at <https://judiciallearningcenter.org/bill-of-rights-day/>.

A grand prize winner from each of the four age groups (Grades 5-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-10, Grades 11-12) will be awarded a \$500 cash prize, *and* have their name and submission shared on the websites of the participating United States District Courts. Finalists from each age category will receive an electronic gift card valued at \$50.

Submissions will be accepted **until 5:00 pm on November 1, 2024**.

Finalists will be notified before Thanksgiving and grand prize winners will be announced at a special virtual event for families on the enduring rights afforded to Americans by the Bill of Rights. The virtual event will take place on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 6:00 pm Central/7:00 pm Eastern. The virtual event is open to everyone. You do not need to enter the contest to attend. [Click here to register and receive the Zoom link.](#)

For questions, please contact Mary Giorgio, Outreach Coordinator for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, at mary_giorgio@insd.uscourts.gov or via phone at 317-229-3711.