

Title: **Civil Rights Defense Fund**

Deadline: December 31, 2023

Award Amount: \$100 - \$1,000

Program Description:

Description, Prizes & Deadline: The NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund continues its yearly Youth Essay Contest celebrating the Second Amendment as an integral part of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Essays will be judged in two categories: Senior (grades 9-12) and Junior (grades 8 and below), with separate cash prizes awarded to the winners in each category. First place cash prizes are \$1,000, \$600 for second place, \$200 for third place, and \$100 for fourth place.

Website/Application: <https://www.nradefensefund.org/contests-scholarships.aspx>

Eligibility Requirements:

The contest is open to all students enrolled, or who will be enrolled, in an elementary, junior high, or high school during the 2023-2024 academic year, including homeschooled students in an equivalent grade level, who have not previously received a prize in their category. For example, a previous winner in the junior category, who is now eligible for the senior category, may submit an entry.

The theme of this contest:

What Does the Second Amendment Mean to You?

Your essay should concentrate on this theme.