

2017 Fullerton College

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual

Banned Books Essay Contest



\$100  
SECOND PLACE

\$200  
FIRST PLACE

\$50  
THIRD PLACE

DUE: **OCTOBER 13, 2017**

LENGTH: **750-1,000 words**

TOPIC: Answer ONE of the following prompts in essay form:

- 1. Why as a society should we allow potentially controversial books to be accessible to the general public?*
- 2. In what way(s) does reading a controversial book “liberate” you?*
- 3. Using examples from your chosen text, argue for the benefits of reading outside of your comfort zone.*

RULES: See reverse. QUESTIONS? [vmacias@fullcoll.edu](mailto:vmacias@fullcoll.edu), [sburnham@fullcoll.edu](mailto:sburnham@fullcoll.edu),

# Fullerton College 2017 Banned Books Contest Rules:

**Eligibility:** All currently enrolled Fullerton College students are eligible to participate.

## Steps:

**1.)** Select and read a Banned Book: A Banned Book can be defined as, “any book that has been banned, censored, challenged or restricted.” The selected book can be any verifiably banned or challenged book, but all students are encouraged to select a suitable college reading level book. Ask any FC librarian with assistance in selecting or researching a Banned Book. The book does not have to be one from the FC Library.

**2.)** Write a 750-1000 word essay answering any one of the three essay questions on the reverse of this flyer using supporting ideas from the Banned Book of your choosing.

**3.)** Submit your essay (.docx or .doc format only) to the Student Programming Librarian, Val Macias, at [vmacias@fullcoll.edu](mailto:vmacias@fullcoll.edu) with the subject line “2017 Essay Contest Submission” **on or before OCTOBER 13, 2017 by 11:00 P.M.** Include your **first name, last name** and **Banner ID number** on the essay. Use of the MLA format is encouraged. No hand-delivered paper submissions please. Any submissions sent after the posted date will not be considered.

## Judging Criteria:

FC judging faculty will look for the following criteria in the essays:

- Organization**
- Strength of argument**
- Adherence to the prompt**
- Supporting details**
- Format**
- Language mechanics (i.e. grammar, spelling, and punctuation)**

**Three winners** (First, Second and Third Place) will be announced on **November 3, 2016**. The prizes are as follows:

- **\$200 cash card for First Place**
- **\$100 cash card for Second Place**
- **\$50 cash card for Third Place**

Certificates of Achievement will be issued to the winners and Certificates of Participation will be awarded to all participants upon request. An essay reading event is planned in which all participants are invited to attend.

Questions? Come talk to any librarian at the reference desk for more details. You can also e-mail Val Macias at [vmacias@fullcoll.edu](mailto:vmacias@fullcoll.edu) or at (714) 992-7381 during normal business hours or contest co-coordinator Stephanie Burnham at [sburnham@fullcoll.edu](mailto:sburnham@fullcoll.edu).

## Academic Honesty:

Fullerton College’s policy on plagiarism fully applies. Participating students who submit essays are responsible for submitting academically honest work. Students are expected to submit original written work, with credit given to any sources where required, which includes the full, proper and complete use of citations and Works Cited pages in their work. Essays with suspected plagiarism will regrettably get disqualified from contention.