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**ELEVATE
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Student Civil Liberty Contest Spring 2021

MCSII is calling for students to submit their essay, poetry, photo, artwork, video, or other creation on a civil liberty topic to help educate others and for the chance to win a prize.

Prizes:

1st Prize: \$500
2nd Prize: \$200
Up to Three Honorable Mention Prizes: \$100 each

In addition to the prize money, the digital version of the top entries will be posted on the MCSII website and Instagram (@mcsii.stout).

Guidelines:

Limit 2 entries per person. Entry must be an original creation for the contest and the legal property of the person making the entry. A statement of the civil liberty message should be provided with the entry.

Preferred topics include freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion, and the right to vote. Direct questions about other topics to shiellt@uwstout.edu

Judging Criteria:

Judges—including faculty, staff and students—will use a five-point Likert-type scale and the following criteria to evaluate entries.

- 1) Is it clear to the audience that the entry is addressing a civil liberty? How clear?
- 2) How clear is the message about civil liberty the entry is trying to make?
- 3) How powerful or thought-provoking is the entry's message?
- 4) How well does the entry fit with MCSII's mission to promote the civil and rational discussion of civil liberty and its relation to institutions and innovation?
- 5) How strong is the quality of the entry?

Deadline:

Entries must be received by 12:30 pm, Friday, April 2, 2021. Entries submitted after that time will not be considered. Winners will be notified by Friday, April 9. Prize winners must collect their award within 90 days of notification.

Please send all entries to gardnerk3298@my.uwstout.edu complete with high-quality photograph(s) of entry and statement of civil liberty message.