



2008 STN First Freedom Award Entry Form Guidelines

The STN "First Freedom Award" seeks to honor a broadcast journalism or video production teacher who has made the teaching and exercising of First Amendment rights a high priority, making an obvious, dramatic, positive impact on students.

Representatives from the Student Press Law Center, and the Radio and Television News Directors Foundation will select a winner. The 2008 winner will be funded to attend the 2009 STN National Convention.

Nominator should provide the following information in a separate, double-spaced letter:

- Describe incidents that symbolize the nominee's overall commitment to the First Amendment, especially those incidents which apply to teaching scholastic broadcasting or video production.
- If this nomination is about First Amendment battles relating to one specific incident, please describe the incident and the nominee's actions in detail.
- Add any information about the nominee's activities that reveal a pattern of commitment to the First Amendment. Those activities can include, but are not limited to, articles written by the nominee, special educational moments facilitated by the nominee, and other such examples relating to this award.
- Finally, make a case for the nominee. Provide any character-related, or profession-related details you feel are appropriate.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Two letters of support are recommended, but one letter makes a nominee eligible. Nominators can include a colleague, an administrator, a student, or group of students, a member of the professional media, or a representative from an STN partner organization.

To Be Awarded:

Recognition at the 2009 STN Affiliates Convention, including airfare and lodging for that event provided by STN. The recipient's broadcast or video production program will also receive \$1,000.

Eligibility:

Only member teachers from STN affiliate schools can be nominated.