



### Intellectual Freedom Scholarship Essay Information and Criteria:

The FAME Intellectual Freedom Scholarship in the amount of \$500 is awarded annually to a graduating senior from a high school. The award is designed to defray the cost of tuition or other college related expenses.

### Criteria and Procedures:

Information will be distributed to school librarians in Florida high schools in September. Only students whose librarian is a member of FAME are eligible. Essays written by senior students will be submitted to the FAME Intellectual Freedom Committee by March 18. Only one essay per county will be considered. There should be a county-wide call for applications in order to submit one essay per county. (If more than one essay from a county is received, the county's Intellectual Freedom (IF) Committee or County School Library Coordinator will select an essay for the FAME IF Committee to consider. Winners will be notified by May 1.

Each committee member will select the best paper based on the attached rubric and following the following criteria:

1. Subject- "The Importance of Intellectual Freedom"
2. Originality- the ability to synthesize factual information with original ideas
3. Length- 1,000 words or less, double spaced
4. Format- MLA, with in-text citations and a works cited page
5. Research- the ability to select and to analyze an important issue related to Intellectual Freedom, use appropriate sources, organize ideas logically, and express them effectively

►Note: No student's name or the name of your school should be included in the body of the essay.

### Submission Information:

Entries must be submitted on or before the deadline of March 18. Please send 2 document files with "IF 2016 Statement of Intent" AND "IF 2016 Essay" on the file attachment – NO PDF files please.

Applicants may use, but not limited to, resources found on the FAME website ([www.famemediaed.org](http://www.famemediaed.org))

Submit the following Statement of Intent page to [patricia.franklin@ocps.net](mailto:patricia.franklin@ocps.net) :



Statement of Intent  
FAME Intellectual Freedom Scholarship Essay

Name:

School Name:

School Address:

County:

School Librarian's full name (he or she must be a FAME member):

Essay Title: