



What is Freethought Day?  
October 9 (Sunday), 2022



Celebrating our 21<sup>st</sup> year, we host an annual event at the California State Capitol that celebrates science, secular rights, social justice, civic engagement, and the First Amendment.

Our event brings together local, regional, and national community leaders, non-profit organizations, elected officials, popular authors and podcasters, live entertainment, and more to engage and inspire our audience.

It's a "festival of freethought" and will take place in-person and live-streamed. Attendance is free, supported entirely by donations and sponsorships.

## Scholarship Opportunities

### \$1,000 Essay Contest

We are offering a **\$1,000 scholarship** to a college-bound California high school student inspired to write a **300-500 word essay** that answers this question:

**What are your thoughts about the issues that have you question (what you hear), think (about the state of everything), and vote (in upcoming elections)?**

**Applicants must 1)** have an interest in free speech, science, and the separation of church and state; **2)** be involved in, or leaders of, community organizations or school clubs; **3)** attend a California high school (grades 9-12) as of September 16, of the current year; and **4)** plan to pursue postsecondary education at a community college, four-year college, trade school, or vocational school.

**Applications must be submitted through our website by 11:59 PM PDT on September 16, 2022.**

### \$1,000 Haiku Contest

We are offering **ten \$100 scholarships** to high school and college students anywhere in the United States that answer this prompt in the form of a **haiku**:

**To qualify**, applicants must create a **public post** that answers the above question and share it on either Twitter, Instagram, or TikTok, tagging **@FreethoughtDay** and **#ScholarshipHaiku**, as a **haiku**.

For Example:

More social justice.

Less hate and intolerance.

Voting is the way.

@FreethoughtDay #ScholarshipHaiku

**To qualify**, content must be shared by **June 30, 2022 11:59 PM PST**.

**Additional information, including all rules and conditions, is on our website at FreethoughtDay.org.**

## Contact Us

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