



2018 Religious Liberty Essay Scholarship Contest

Sponsored by the Religious Liberty Council of the Baptist Joint Committee

Open to all high school juniors and seniors

– Topic –

In most public high schools, certain days are marked as religious holidays on the school calendar, and the schools are closed on those days. As public schools become more diverse, some students' religious holy day(s) are not days that the schools are closed, resulting in absences for those students.

In an essay, discuss whether public school calendars should accommodate religious holidays.

Consider how school administrators should determine if, or which, religious holy days are included in the school calendar, or if any school policies should be changed to better accommodate students' religious exercise. Be sure your essay identifies how the First Amendment supports your position.

Entries must be postmarked by March 9, 2018

For entry forms and details visit:

www.BJConline.org/contest

Grand Prize: \$2,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C.

Second Prize: \$1,000 • Third Prize: \$500

