

# Be a Part of the Solution

## Student Writing Competition On Alcohol Abuse Issues

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THE INTER-ASSOCIATION TASK FORCE ON ALCOHOL & OTHER SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES

**TOPIC:** *How can campuses better prevent student violence and riotous behaviors associated with excessive drinking at major campus and sporting events?*

**AWARDS:** The awards are made to individual students, not the college or university. Each prize will be awarded to the writers who best express their viewpoints on the topic of personal responsibility and respect for law in regards to drinking.

**One First Prize - \$1,000**

**One Second Prize - \$500**

### Submission Should Be Created In Op-ed Format:

**A**n op-ed essay is an opinion or editorial type commentary on a specific topic. The American Heritage Dictionary defines "op-ed" as "a newspaper page, usually opposite the editorial page, that features articles expressing personal viewpoints." An op-ed essay expresses more personal views that will promote dialogue, debate, and perhaps, solutions.

- All entries must be in the form of an op-ed essay. No research or term papers should be submitted.
- The op-ed may be developed from any point of view of the topic, a personal experience, an analysis, or an opinion.
- The student is encouraged to raise questions, single out issues, identify dilemmas, and offer suggestions.
- The op-ed must be the original, unpublished work of the student.
- The op-ed must be 500-700 words, not including footnotes.
- No name or identifying references may appear on the title page or in the manuscript, since the contest is to be judged anonymously (a numerical code will be put on your essay)

### Entry Guidelines

#### Eligibility:

- Full-time undergraduate student at the time of application.
- Registered during the fall semester of 2003 at an accredited four- or two-year college or university.

#### Submission Of Materials:

- Submit three (3) copies of your op-ed (one copy paper-clipped and two stapled).
- Submit a completed Student Entry Form that can be obtained on the website [www.iatf.org](http://www.iatf.org)
- Include a letter on school stationery from the Registrar's Office, verifying your eligibility.

- In order to be considered for the prizes, you must also verify that you have followed the statement of academic honesty that appears on the Student Entry Form.
- Only one op-ed per student per contest year may be submitted.
- Keep a copy of your op-ed since no materials will be returned.
- **Entries must be postmarked on or before Friday, November 7, 2003, or delivered to us by 5:00 p.m. that day.**
- Entries may not be faxed or e-mailed.
- Winners will be notified in February 2004.

Please complete the submission checklist found at [www.iatf.org](http://www.iatf.org) on the Student Entry Form and send ALL materials together to:

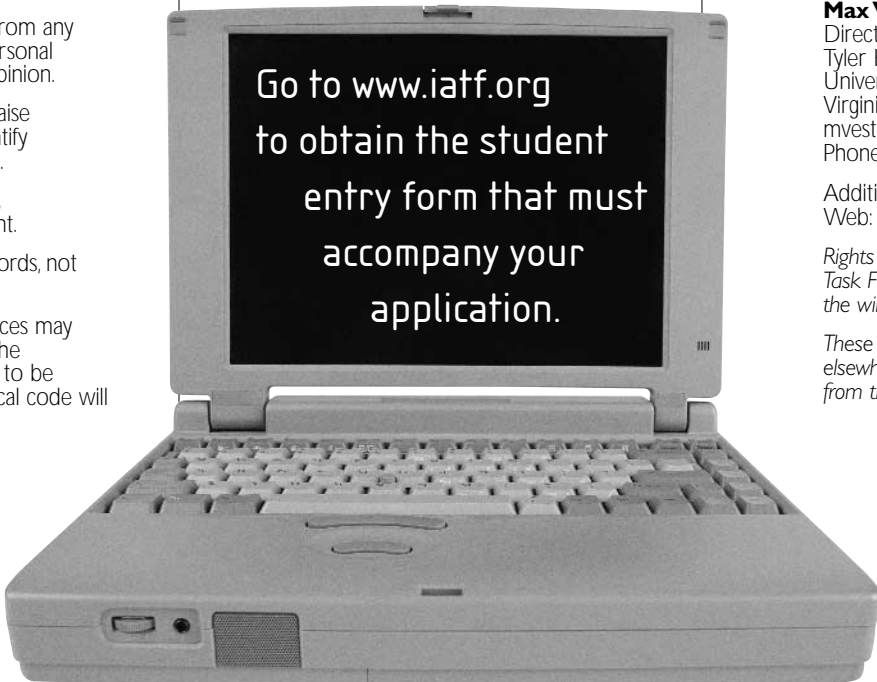
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to obtain the student  
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