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Our 2025 National High School Essay Contest

Is Now Open to All U.S. High School Students

With at least \$15,000 in Total Scholarship Awards

To enter the contest, students must submit an original essay of 500 words or fewer describing their thoughts about the following excerpt from the late Supreme Court Justice William Douglas's opinion in the 1972 case of [Adams v. Williams](#):

A powerful lobby dins into the ears of our citizenry that these gun purchases are constitutional rights protected by the Second Amendment, which reads, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

There is under our decisions no reason why stiff state laws governing the purchase and possession of pistols may not be enacted....There is no reason why all pistols should not be barred to everyone except the police.

The deadline for students to enter the contest is Saturday, April 19, 2025. Full contest rules and the link to the online entry form are posted on the [High School Essay Contest page](#) of the [Americans Against Gun Violence website](#).