

# California's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Freethought Day

FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND THOUGHT • CIVIC ENGAGEMENT • ENTHUSIASM FOR SCIENCE

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What is Freethought Day?  
October 11 (Sunday), 2026








Celebrating our 25<sup>th</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 both in-person and via live-stream. Attendance is free, entirely supported by donations and sponsorships.

## 5 Scholarship Opportunities

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| Essay   | Poem  | Speech  | Video   | Art   |
| <b>\$2,500+</b>   | <b>\$100</b>  | <b>\$1,000</b>  | <b>\$1,500</b>  | <b>\$500</b>  |
| One Winner  | Ten Winners   | One Winner  | One Winner  | Two Winners   |
| California Public High School Recent Graduate                                     | United States High School or College Current Student                              | California High School Current Student  | United States High School or College Current Student                                | California High School or College Current Student                                   |
| Due: July 15, 2026  | Due: August 31, 2026  | Due: August 31, 2026  | Due: August 31, 2026  | Due: August 31, 2026  |

We are offering **\$7,000+** in scholarships to students inspired to write an essay, share a poem, draft a speech, produce a video, or create 2D art about

### Information Literacy

Each contest has its own entry guidelines, requirements, and due dates. Visit our website for all rules and conditions at

**FreethoughtDay.org.**

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