

Write an essay. Meet Thomas Friedman.



High School and College Students! Write a short essay, be one of ten winners and get to meet Thomas Friedman, New York Times columnist and Pulitzer Prize winning author!

Thomas Friedman has said about his work as a columnist:

“ I’ve always thought that to be a successful columnist... it’s important to be from somewhere – that you’re grounded in a world view that you take around the world, and you measure against other things you see. I am always looking for Minnesota. ”

We invite you to submit an essay through which you examine the ways in which your worldview is situated in *place*—however you interpret that. What is most apparent? How does your sense of *place* shape your perspectives and your work?

Due Friday, October 10, 2014



How to Enter: This contest ends Friday, October 10, 2014. Submissions should be a minimum of one page, double-spaced, and a maximum of 700 words. Submit as a Microsoft Word document via the online form or via email to Jan Nadav at jcnadav@mizelmuseum.org. Limit one entry per person. Mizel Museum is not responsible for lost or late entries not received for any reason. By entering, entrant warrants that his or her entry is original and does not infringe upon the intellectual property rights of any third party.

Judging and Eligibility: Essay contest is open to students in high school and college (undergraduate). There will be a maximum of 10 winners - 5 in each category. The final number will depend on how many applications are received. All entries will be judged by a panel selected by the Mizel Museum. Judges' decisions are final and binding. Winners will be notified by telephone and/or email after October 10, 2014. There will be two sets of judges for each category: high school and college, and essays will be judged separately in these two categories.

Prize Description: Ten winning essay writers will be notified and announced after October 10, and will win a reserved seat at the Thomas Friedman event on Sunday, October 26, 2014 (7 pm at the Seawell Grand Ballroom in downtown Denver). Winners will also receive one of Friedman's signed books and a photo with the author following his talk.

More About the Mizel Museum and the Essay Topic: As a Jewish cultural institution, the role of the Mizel Museum is to illuminate the multiple perspectives that make up the Jewish experience. For more than thirty years, our exhibits and programs have used art and education to explore Jewish culture, history and viewpoints. Now in the wake of natural and human-caused disasters like the recent wildfires, flooding and Aurora shooting, the ground is ripe for exploration of the power and importance of place to our individual and collective identities and worldviews. The Mizel Museum is focusing on the theme: "The Power of Place," a universal theme for people of all backgrounds that has particular significance within Jewish culture. The Museum's programming will include a presentation by New York Times columnist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Thomas Friedman on Sunday, October 26, 2014.

More information and submission form at: mizelmuseum.org/place-essay