

Contest – Invites to July 4th reception for FB fans

This year we celebrate 135 years of U.S.-Romania relations with one of our best parties ever. Want to be here with us? Participate in our FB contest and you can win one of the 20 invitations to the Embassy's July 4 reception to be hosted at the U.S. Embassy on July 2, 2015, from 7 pm.

Eligibility

1. Contestants must be Romanian nationals between the ages of 18 – 40 residing in Romania.
2. The contest commences on **April 16, 2015** and closes at **23:59 on April 28, 2015**. The person submitting the essay will be considered the contestant and will be the only person eligible to compete for the prize.
3. Employees of the U.S. Government and their families will not be eligible to participate in this competition.

How to Enter:

1. Write a 250 words-long essay in English on the topic “Let Freedom Ring!”
2. E-mail your essay to infobuch@state.gov with the subject “**LET FREEDOM RING**” no later than **April 28, 2015** at midnight. Please name your essay file with your full name. If your entry is received and accepted, you will receive a confirmation e-mail. If you receive no confirmation, call 021-200-3704 for details on re-submission.
3. Along with your essay, please send your full name, date of birth, address, and phone number.
4. Once you submit an essay, it is considered a final submission and you may not modify, edit, or replace it. You may submit **ONLY** one essay. Participation in this contest is automatically deemed as acceptance of these Official Contest Rules.

Content Requirements

Entries cannot:

- Be plagiarized from other texts or the works of other authors;
- be sexually explicit or suggestive, or derogatory of any ethnic, racial, gender, religious, professional or age group or the disabled, or be pornographic;
- promote alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, firearms/weapons (or the use of any of the foregoing), any activities that may appear unsafe or dangerous, or any particular political agenda or message;

- defame, misrepresent or contain disparaging remarks about other people or companies;
- contain any prominent use of trademarks, logos or trade dress (such as distinctive packaging or building exteriors/interiors) owned by others as determined by the U.S. Embassy Bucharest, or advertise or promote any brand or product of any kind, or contain any personal identification, such as license plate numbers, personal names, e-mail addresses or street addresses;
- contain prominent copyrighted materials owned by others as determined by the U.S. Embassy Bucharest;
- contain materials embodying the names, likenesses or other indicia identifying any person, living or dead without permission;
- communicate messages or images inconsistent with the positive images and/or goodwill to which the U.S. Embassy Bucharest wishes to associate;
- depict or be in violation of any law or otherwise.
- depict or otherwise identify a minor unless a parent or legal guardian is the entrant.

Selection of Winners: Judging Criteria

All submitted essays will be analyzed by a panel of judges comprised of U.S. Embassy diplomats.

The criteria for judging in order of importance are:

- 1) Originality/Creativity
- 2) Fluency of ideas
- 3) Grammaticality and capacity to express ideas in English

Terms & Rights

By entering you represent and warrant and agree that:

You have produced and submitted the Entry and all elements of your Entry are original, are not copied from any other work and do not infringe upon the rights of any third party. To the extent any elements were created by a third party (“Third Party Participant”), you own all right, title and interest to said elements which is part of your Entry to enable you to grant the rights granted herein.

You retain ownership of the Entry(ies) you submit, however, by entering you, on behalf of yourself and any Third Party Participants, grant the U.S. Embassy, Bucharest the perpetual, fully-paid, irrevocable, non-exclusive license to publish, reproduce, prepare derivative works of, distribute, display, exhibit, transmit, broadcast, televise, digitize, otherwise use, and permit others to use and perform throughout the world the essay and Entry in any manner, form, or format now or hereinafter created, including on the Internet, and for any purpose, including, but not limited to, advertising or promotion of

Contest Entries and Contest all without further consent from or payment to you, including those Entry(ies) which were not selected. By submitting your Entry(ies), you agree that the U.S. Embassy Bucharest has no obligation to post or publish your Entry, that all such postings or publication, if any, will be in the U.S. Embassy, Bucharest's sole discretion and that the posting or publication of a Entry does not guarantee the Entry will be selected as a winner.

By submitting an Entry, each entrant understands and grants to the U.S. Embassy, Bucharest permission for his/her Entry to be posted on the Embassy's Facebook, YouTube, and web pages in perpetuity throughout the world for viewing by visitors to the Websites. The U.S. Embassy Bucharest is not responsible for any unauthorized third party use of any Entry. Entries will not be acknowledged and will not be received or held "in confidence" and a submission does not create a confidential relationship or obligation of secrecy between you and the U.S. Embassy, Bucharest or any of its affiliates.

Each Entry must not infringe upon the copyrights, trademarks, rights of privacy, publicity or other intellectual property or other rights of any person or entity. If the Entry contains any material or elements that are not owned by the entrant and/or which are subject to the rights of third parties, the entrant is responsible for obtaining, prior to submission of the Entry, any and all releases and consents necessary to permit the use and exhibition of the Entry by the U.S. Embassy, Bucharest in the manner set forth in these Official Rules. The U.S. Embassy, Bucharest reserves the right to request proof of these permissions in a form acceptable to them from any entrant at any time. By submitting an Entry, entrant warrants and represents that he/she consents to the submission and use of the Entry in the Contest, and to its posting on the US Embassy, Bucharest or other USG web pages.

The U.S. Embassy Bucharest reserves the right to disqualify any Entry for any reason, in its sole and absolute discretion. The U.S. Embassy Bucharest is under no obligation to disclose why an Entry has been disqualified other than the Entry was ineligible under these Official Rules. Furthermore, U.S. Embassy Bucharest reserves the right to not award any prize if, in its sole and absolute discretion, it does not receive a sufficient number of eligible and qualified entries in the entry period.