

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS: AT WHAT COST?
Essay Contest Sponsored by The McCarthy Family Foundation
Eligibility Requirements

NPR Sr. News Analyst Daniel Schorr and freed Iranian-American journalist Roxana Saberi will speak at the fourth annual *McCarthy Family Foundation Lecture Series: In Praise of Independent Journalism* this fall. In conjunction with the lecture, the Foundation is sponsoring an essay contest to encourage dialogue about independent journalism among students in higher education in Utah.

Students at colleges and universities in Utah are invited to write an original essay of 500 words or less, typed and double-spaced about the topic: **"Freedom of the Press: At What Cost?"** The winning essayist will receive a cash award of \$2500.00 and two reserved front-row seats at the October 10, 2009 lecture.

Essays must be submitted in an envelope marked "McCarthy Family Lecture Series: In Praise of Independent Journalism." Entries must include name of student and contact information (address, phone, and email) as well as the name & department of the Utah university or college where the student is enrolled. Complete entries, postmarked no later than Wednesday September 30, 2009, should be sent to McCarthy Family Foundation, c/o MKL Public Relations, 8 East Broadway, Suite 611, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111. The winner will be notified the week of October 5, 2009 and announced at the October 10, 2009 lecture.

Sarah J. McCarthy, Ph.D. and Professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, will chair a distinguished jury that includes Vern Anderson (Editorial and Opinion Editor, *Salt Lake Tribune*), Lois Collins (award-winning columnist and reporter, *Deseret News*), Lex Hemphill (President, Sugar House Park Authority Board of Trustees and former sports reporter/columnist, *Salt Lake Tribune*), and Nancy Melich (Literary Seminar Director, Utah Shakespearean Festival and former reporter and arts writer, *Salt Lake Tribune*). The jury reserves the right not to select a winning essay.