

**GDPR INFORMATION ABOUT COLLECTING AND PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA OF APPLICANTS  
TO THE RFE/RL STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION**  
(hereinafter referred to as “**Competition**”)

**Preamble:**

RFE/RL, Inc., is a non-profit corporation with its registered office at Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, USA, acting in the Czech Republic through RFE/RL, Inc., odštěpný závod, with its registered office at Vinohradská 3333/159a, Post Code 100 00, Prague 10, Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as “**RFE/RL**” or “**the Controller**” or “**us**” or “**we**”).

On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of its first broadcast and the 30th anniversary of its move from Munich to Prague, RFE/RL (Radio Free Europe) is organizing an essay competition for high school students in the Czech Republic. Because You would like to participate at our Competition, which will take place between February and May 3, 2025, we need to process Your personal data.

In accordance with Article 13 of the REGULATION (EU) 2016/679 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (hereinafter referred to as “**GDPR**”), we hereby give You information related to personal data processing.

**1) THE CONTROLLER OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA**

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<https://www.rferl.org/>  
Contact address for queries concerning personal data protection: [dataprotection@rferl.org](mailto:dataprotection@rferl.org).

**2) THE PURPOSE OF PROCESSING**

Because You would like to participate at our Competition, You need to submit Your essay on-line and thus provide us with Your personal data. The purpose of the processing of Your personal data is registration for the Competition.

**3) THE LEGAL GROUND FOR PROCESSING**

Such processing is based on Your consent to personal data processing for the purpose of registration and participation at the Competition (hereinafter referred to as “**Consent**”).

**CONSENT TO COLLECTING AND PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA FOR APPLICANTS TO THE  
RFE/RL COMPETITION**

in accordance with Article 6(1)(a) of the GDPR

By sending my essay to [essay@rferl.org](mailto:essay@rferl.org), I hereby give my Consent to RFE/RL, as the Controller, to collect and process my Personal Data for the purpose of my registration and participation at the Competition.

On .....

Name: .....

Surname: .....

.....  
(handwritten signature)

This Consent is given voluntarily and **the You are entitled to withdraw it at any time**. Withdrawal of the Consent does not affect the lawfulness of the processing before such withdrawal.

#### **4) WHAT PERSONAL DATA ARE BEING PROCESSED**

RFE/RL collects the following data: personal identification information (name, surname, email address, year of birth) and address of Your school (hereinafter referred to as "Personal Data").

#### **5) HOW DO WE COLLECT YOUR DATA**

You directly provide RFE/RL with all Personal Data by sending Your essay to us electronically to [essay@rferl.org](mailto:essay@rferl.org).

#### **6) THE PERIOD FOR WHICH YOUR PERSONAL DATA WILL BE STORED**

The results of the Competition will be announced on May 3, 2025. The Consent is valid for the period of 1 year after this announcement.

#### **7) THE RECIPIENT OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA**

Your Personal Data will be kept by RFE/RL only.

#### **8) WILL YOUR PERSONAL DATA BE TRANSFERRED OUTSIDE OF THE EU?**

No.

#### **9) THE EXISTENCE OF AUTOMATED DECISION-MAKING, INCLUDING PROFILING**

No, RFE/RL is not making a decision by automated means.

#### **10) YOUR RIGHTS RELATED TO PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING**

Under Czech and European Union law, You have the right:

- to be duly informed about the processing of Your Personal Data
- of access to Your Personal Data – You have the right to request RFE/RL for copies of Your Personal Data.
- to rectification of Your Personal Data - You have the right to request that RFE/RL correct any information You believe is inaccurate. You also have the right to request RFE/RL to complete information You believe is incomplete.
- to erasure ("right to be forgotten") of Your Personal Data - You have the right to request that RFE/RL erase Your Personal Data, under certain conditions.
- to restrict processing of Your Personal Data - You have the right to request that RFE/RL restrict the processing of Your Personal Data, under certain conditions.

If You make GDPR request, we have 30 days to respond to You.

#### **11) HOW TO CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES**

If You believe that Your Personal Data are being processed unlawfully, You may ask for restriction of processing or for explanation or to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority – in case of the Czech Republic, this is the Office for Personal Data Protection (Úřad pro ochranu osobních údajů), with its registered office at Pplk. Sochora 27, 170 00 Prague 7, [posta@uouu.cz](mailto:posta@uouu.cz). ([www.uouu.cz](http://www.uouu.cz)).