

# CALLING ALL FILMMAKERS!

## THE 2008 LIVING DEMOCRACY VIDEO CONTEST:

### THE VALUE OF VOTER-OWNED ELECTIONS

In 2004 nearly \$4 billion were spent on federal elections. Much more may be spent in this election cycle with its extended primary season. Should there be limits on and rules for campaign spending? Should a candidate go private funding (Obama) or public funding (McCain)? What's a PAC, and why should they run ads?

To promote understanding of advantages/disadvantages of publicly/privately financed elections at local, state, and national levels, students are asked to research election funding. Is a contribution an issue of free speech or subversion of independence? Are donations paying for expensive advertising or buying a candidate's future vote? Is your government for sale?

The Living Democracy Committee of Bloomington-Normal, the American Democracy Project at ISU, and the ISU Documentary Project are asking you to research, decide, film your answer and share it with the community...hey, why not?...the world!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SUBMISSIONS VISIT:  
[HTTP://DOCPROJECT.ORG/](http://docproject.org/)**

High school entries submitted by September 30, 2008  
College entries must be submitted by Oct. 31, 2008

All entries will be shown at the  
ISU Documentary Project Socio-Political Film Festival  
in April

If you need a special accommodation to fully participate in this program/event, please contact Skylar at (309)251-2460. Please allow sufficient time to arrange the accommodation.

