



2019 Essay Contest (For grades 6-8)

Why participate? Fun education tool that aids in teaching students about the law. Winners receive prizes and awards!

1. The competition is open to students enrolled in middle school.
2. Participants must interpret the Law Day theme – **FREE SPEECH, FREE PRESS, FREE SOCIETY** – showing **critical analysis** and **historical evidence**; therefore, all essays must be responsive to and answer this prompt:
“Explain or depict how today’s society is impacted by freedom of speech and freedom of the press.”
3. Limit: Only **one** entry of **original work** per student will be accepted.
4. Format: Typewritten, or clearly printed Double-spaced
8-1/2” x 11” paper 1” margins
Maximum number of words per submitted essay: 500
5. Include the student’s name, grade, the teacher’s name, and the school on the cover sheet.
6. The essay must be accompanied by **“2019 DBA Law Day Contest Entry Form”**. The entry form must be fully completed and signed by the student’s parent or guardian.
7. By entering, the student gives the Dallas Bar Association (DBA), State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association the right to reproduce material submitted in any medium without time, use, or territorial limitation as long as it is for non-commercial purposes.
8. The DBA, State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association bear no responsibility for lost or damaged entries.
9. Entries will be judged on responsiveness to the question, grammar and creativity.
10. The essays will be judged by members of the DBA Law Day Contest Committee. All judges’ decisions are final.
11. Prizes and award recognition will be given to winners of the contest. Examples of past winning essays are available to view at: www.dallasbar.org/lawday
12. **All entries must be received no later than 5 p.m. on March 8, 2019**. Teachers should submit their student entries in an envelope to: **Melissa Garcia, Dallas Bar Association, 2101 Ross Ave., Dallas, Texas 75201**. (Or, you may drop these off at our receptionist desk at the address above anytime - M-F, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)



2019 Dallas Bar Association Law Day Contest Entry Form

Contest is open to all DFW area students in grades K through 12th. **Please attach this form securely to each entry.** Also include the student's name on the entry in the event the form is separated from the entry. Please type or print legibly.

Please check the appropriate category:

- Grades K-5 Art Poster Entry
 Grades 6-8 Essay Contest
 Grades 6-12 Photography Contest
 Grades 9-12 Editorial Contest

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

School Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____ Teacher Phone: _____

Teacher Email: _____

School Address: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Primary Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

1. All entries must be postmarked by: **Wednesday, March 8, 2019**
2. The winning students may be asked to attend the May 2019 Law Day Luncheon.
3. All entries, including posters, essays and other submitted materials, become the property of the DBA and will not be returned. Entries may be reproduced by the DBA in any form and for any purpose. The DBA reserves the right to modify any poster for reproduction purposes.
4. Entry in this contest constitutes permission for the posters, essays and students to be photographed for publicity purposes without compensation to the students, teachers, parents or guardians.

Mail or Hand Deliver Entries to:

Dallas Bar Association
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