



2017 LAW DAY AWARDS ENTRY AND RELEASE FORM

NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PRIMARY PHONE NUMBER : _____

ALT. PHONE NUMBER: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

GRADE: _____

CHECK CONTEST THIS ENTRY IS FOR:

EDITORIAL CONTEST (High School Seniors Only)

POSTER CONTEST (CIRCLE CORRECT GRADE LEVEL)

- K—2ND GRADE
- 3RD—5TH GRADE
- 6TH—8TH GRADE
- 9TH—12TH GRADE

TITLE OF ENTRY: _____

SUMMARY OF ENTRY: _____

PARENTAL PERMISSION

I hereby grant my child permission to participate in the 2017 Law Day Contest. I have read the contest rules and my child's entry complies with the rules.

PARENT'S NAME: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

Photocopy this blank form and attach it to each entry. Submit form and entry to the Jefferson County Bar Association. **Entries must be received by March 23, 2017 @ 4:30 p.m.** Please send entries to the following address:

JCBA, 1085 Pearl Street, Ste. 202, Beaumont, TX , 77701
Phone: (409)835-8647 Email: director@jcba.org

Any prizes awarded represent a scholarship award from the Jefferson County Bar Association. In order to remain tax free for IRS purposes, this scholarship award must be used for education-related expenses. It will be up to the individual receiving the award to furnish documentation in case of an IRS audit. Before funds are disbursed, scholarship recipients must provide their social security number



LAW DAY 2017

Scholarship Opportunities for Southeast Texas Students (K-12)

ENTRY SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS MARCH 23, 2017

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day as a way to challenge Americans to understand how the rule of law impacts their lives and to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to participate in a democracy. The Jefferson County Bar Association celebrates the importance of law and the impact it has not only in our nation, but also in our communities by inviting Southeast Texas students to participate in editorial and poster contests.



2017 LAW DAY THEME

THE 14TH AMENDMENT: TRANSFORMING AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

The 2017 theme provides the opportunity to explore the many ways that the Fourteenth Amendment has reshaped American law and society. Through its Citizenship, Due Process and Equal Protection clauses, this transformative amendment advanced the rights of all Americans. It also played a pivotal role in extending the reach of the Bill of Rights to the states. Ratified during Reconstruction a century and a half ago, the Fourteenth Amendment serves as the cornerstone of landmark civil rights legislation, the foundation for numerous federal court decisions protecting fundamental rights, and a source of inspiration for all those who advocate for equal justice under law.

All entries should reflect the student's interpretation of the 2017 Law Day theme by responding to the following prompt:

Why is it important that all people receive "equal protection of the laws"?

PRIZES AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNERS

The Jefferson County Bar Association is once again sponsoring LAW DAY scholarship contests for students who reside in Jefferson, Orange, Hardin, Chambers and Liberty counties. All students are encouraged to participate. The winners in our local competition will be named by March 31, 2017 and will be recognized at our LAW DAY Celebration on Friday, May 5, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. **The first place winner in each category will be forwarded to the State Bar of Texas competition to compete for additional scholarship funding.**

EDITORIAL CONTEST (High School Seniors)

First Place: \$1,500 and certificate; Second Place: \$850 and certificate; Third Place: \$500 and certificate

POSTER CONTEST (K-12th)

First Place: \$100 and certificate; Second Place: \$50 and certificate; Third Place: \$25 and certificate

**First, Second and Third Place will be awarded in each grade category*

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EDITORIAL CONTEST

1. Students from 12th grade are invited to take part in the editorial contest.
2. Only one entry per student will be accepted.
3. The editorial must be the student's original work.
4. The editorial must be written in response to the following prompt: "Why is it important that all people receive "equal protection of the laws?"
5. The editorial must be no longer than 500 words.
6. The editorial must be typewritten and double-spaced.
7. The editorial must show critical analysis and be based on historical evidence.
8. Please provide an electronic version of the entry emailed to director@jcba.org or on a thumb drive submitted with entry form.
9. A hard copy of the editorial must be accompanied by the entry form.
10. The editorial must include a cover page with the following information: name of student, the entrant's signature, the title of the editorial, and a signature from a parent or guardian.
11. By entering, the student gives the Jefferson County Bar Association, the 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.
12. The Jefferson County Bar Association, the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association bear no responsibility for lost or damaged entries.
13. The editorial must be received by the Jefferson County Bar Association by 4:30 p.m. on March 23, 2017.

POSTER CONTEST

1. There are multiple categories for the poster contest. The categories are K-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade, 6th-8th grade, and 9th-12th grade.
2. Only one entry per student will be accepted.
3. The poster must be the student's original work.
4. The poster must reflect the 2017 Law Day theme and prompt: "Why is it important that all people receive "equal protection of the laws?"
5. The poster must be a two-dimensional drawing, painting, or collage. No computer-generated work will be eligible.
6. Posters larger than 25x32 inches are not eligible.
7. The poster must be accompanied by the entry form.
8. The back of the poster must include a typewritten label with the following information: name of student, title of the poster, student's grade and school.
9. By entering, the student gives the Jefferson County Bar Association, the 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.
10. The Jefferson County Bar Association, the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association bear no responsibility for lost or damaged entries.
11. The poster must be received by the Jefferson County Bar Association by 4:30 p.m. on March 23, 2017.