

2019 Law Day Essay Contest

Justice Parker Lee McDonald Law Library
and the Highlands County Bar Association



PRIZES: First, second and third place winners will receive cash prizes along with gold, silver, or bronze Olympic style medals, and be recognized at Law Day's award ceremony at the Highlands County Government Center.

ELIGIBILITY: Any individual student enrolled in a Highlands County public, private, virtual, or home school in Grade Levels K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

ESSAY THEME: **"FREE SPEECH, FREE PRESS, FREE SOCIETY"**

CRITERIA: All entries must be the student's individual, original work. If you are quoting someone, please give proper credit. The age of the participant will be considered.

Essays will be judged on:

- Content
- Adherence to the theme
- Personal reflection
- Originality

Essays must be typed and double-spaced on one side of 8½" x 11" paper. (Elementary entries may be hand written.) **A completed registration form must be stapled to each essay. Do not put your name on the front of the essay.**

All essays may be published and will remain the property of the Justice Parker Lee McDonald Law Library.

The Law Day Committee welcomes all entries that relate to the contest theme. However, the Committee reserves within its discretion the right to disqualify any entry that is deemed to be offensive or not related to the theme of the contest.

DEADLINE: Completed essays must be delivered to the Law Library no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Friday, March 29, 2019** or they will be disqualified.

CONTEST MATERIALS: Contest forms can be found at www.HighlandsBar.com

Students can find additional information on Law Day at the American Bar Association site: www.lawday.org, but please be aware that the contest rules for Highlands County are not the same as national contests.

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