

2024 Law Day



Presented by the
Highlands County Bar Association

The Highlands County Bar Association is pleased to announce that Law Day 2024 will be celebrating the theme

“VOICES OF DEMOCRACY”

An annual series of events celebrating our legal system, Law Day has special significance in Highlands County. Our courts are in recess as we hold our Law Day observance and focus on students and their civic education. Many county, circuit, and district judges, as well as Florida Supreme Court justices, have attended our local Law Day program.

The Highlands County Bar Association is pleased to again host our annual Law Day Essay/Poster contest where students compete against other students throughout Highlands County. Prizes are awarded by our keynote speaker at our annual Law Day Ceremony this spring.

Winning posters will be displayed on the front windows of the Highlands County Government Center.

Highlands County Public Schools: the SBHC has approved this activity.

In conjunction with Law Day, members of the Highlands County Bar Association are available to present virtually or in person to your individual classes to speak to students about the importance of our nation’s legal system and this year’s Law Day theme:

“VOICES OF DEMOCRACY”

Please contact Peter Brewer, President of the Highlands County Bar Association, at pbrewer@brewerandwilson.com to schedule a time and date for the attorney to present to your students. All efforts will be made to schedule an attorney speaker with your class on your desired date and time.

2024 Law Day Entry Form

Essay and Poster Contest



PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's E-mail: _____

If submitting a poster: PLEASE GLUE this form to the back of the poster.

If submitting an essay: PLEASE STAPLE this form to the back of the essay.

******DO NOT PUT STUDENT'S NAME ON THE FRONT OF THE ESSAY OR POSTER******

The Law Day Committee welcomes all entries that relate to the contest theme. The Committee reserves, within its discretion, the right to disqualify any entry that is deemed to be offensive, not related to the theme of the contest, or fails to comply with the rules, guidelines, and criteria provided.

Teacher Verification

I have reviewed the contest entry and I verify that it reflects the above-named student's original work to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____

THIS FORM MUST BE ATTACHED TO CONTEST ENTRY.

Mail or deliver form & entry to:

**Brewer & Wilson, PLLC
Attn.: Peter Brewer
435 S. Commerce Ave.
Sebring, Florida 33870**

Please direct any questions to Peter Brewer at (863) 658-3833.

2024 Law Day Essay Contest

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: "VOICES OF DEMOCRACY"

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 handwritten.) **A completed Law Day Entry Form must be stapled to each essay. Do not put your name on the front of the essay.**

All essays may be published and are the property of the Highlands County Bar Association.

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 Brewer & Wilson, PLLC: 435 S Commerce Ave., Sebring no later than **4:30 p.m. on March 8, 2024** or they are 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.

For more information, contact:

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2024 Law Day Poster Contest



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THEME: **POSTER THEMES MUST BE ORIGINAL AND MUST HARMONIZE WITH THE THEME:**
"VOICES OF DEMOCRACY"

GUIDELINES:

1. Only individual student entries are allowed.
2. Original posters must be submitted on a single sheet of **white 14" x 22" poster board**—no foam core or plain paper, please.
3. Any non-smearable medium is acceptable such as colored pencils, markers, crayons, or paints (no glitter please).
4. No loose or hanging materials are permitted.
5. Each poster must depict the Law Day theme. A **one paragraph statement describing how the poster reflects the theme** is required on the back of the poster.
6. All entries must be accompanied by the **attached Entry Form, glued to the back** of the poster.

CRITERIA:

CONTENT:

1. Must reflect the theme.
2. Must be the student's individual work.

LETTERING: Lettering should be clearly legible.

JUDGING: The age of the participant will be considered. Other criteria for the selection of the award-winning posters includes:

1. Clarity and readability of the work
2. How well the theme was expressed
3. Artwork and execution
4. Visual impact of the poster design

Legal Disclaimer: The Law Day Committee welcomes all entries that relate to the contest theme. The committee reserves the right within its discretion to disqualify any entry that is deemed to be offensive, not related to the theme of the contest, or fails to comply with ALL of the above stated guidelines and criteria. All due care will be used to protect the posters while they are on display, but the Law Day sponsors will not be held responsible in the event of lost, stolen or damaged posters. All posters may be published and/or displayed and are the property of the Highlands County Bar Association.

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