

LAW ★ DAY
2019



Introduction: Freedom of speech and freedom of the press are so essential to our nation that the Framers included them in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Throughout our nation's history, lawmakers and judges have debated how far these rights should extend. In recent years, changes in technology (with the rise of 24/7 cable news, social media and smart phones) have been, and continue to be, tested in new ways.

Essay Contest for Grades K-5

Write an essay, not to exceed 300 words, on the subject:

Discuss why free speech and free press are important. How these freedoms affect your daily life?

Essay Contest for Grades 6-12

Write an essay, not to exceed 1,000 words, on the subject:

Thomas Jefferson wrote "...were it up to me to decide whether we had a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter." Explain why you agree or disagree.

Art Contest (All Grades)

Art projects include posters, dioramas, videos, poems, creative writings, photography, songs etc.

Art submissions should not be any larger than 4 feet by 4 feet.

Video or song submissions may not exceed five minutes.

Art Contest Theme: Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society

The following information must be placed on the back of all entries: Student's Name, Grade, Teacher, School and School Telephone Number. All entries are property of the Lycoming Law Association and are subject to public presentation, display and/or viewing. For additional information, please visit the Facebook page for Lycoming County Law Day.

Deadline: All entries must be submitted to the Lycoming Law Association, 25 West Third Street, Suite 803, Williamsport, by April 12, 2019 at 12:00PM. It is preferred that entries be submitted by mail; however, arrangements can be made to personally deliver to the Lycoming Law Association by contacting Michele Frey at 570-323-8287.

Celebration: The winners of the 2019 Law Day Contest are invited to present their essays and art, and collect their cash prizes, at the Lycoming County Law Day Celebration held on May 3, 2019 at 4:00PM in Courtroom #1.

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