

Introduction: The Constitution is a dynamic document. It not only outlines a blueprint for government, but also delegates power, articulates rights, and offers mechanisms for change. It is neither perfect, nor exhaustive. Defining and refining the Constitution might be our oldest national tradition as we work together toward a more perfect Union.

**Essay Contest**: What is it about the Constitution that makes it important to us today? What amendments or changes do you think should be made to it?

Grades K-5 – Not to exceed 300 words.

Grades 6-12 – Not to exceed 1,000 words.

**Art Contest:** Art projects can be about the Constitution or any of its amendments.

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.

## **Deadline:** March 31, 2022, by 12:00PM

All essay entries must be submitted electronically to the Lycoming Law Association via email to <a href="MFrey@lycolaw.org">MFrey@lycolaw.org</a>. Art entries can be mailed or delivered to the Lycoming Law Association at 25 West Third Street, Suite 803, Williamsport, PA 17701. If a student is unable to submit an essay entry electronically, other arrangements can be made by contacting Michele Frey at 570-323-8287.

**<u>Required Coversheet</u>**: A Lycoming County Law Day coversheet <u>must</u> be included with each entry. Do not place any identifying information on the front of entries.

<u>Celebration:</u> The winners of the 2022 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 <u>May 6, 2022 at 4:00PM</u> in Courtroom #1 at the County Courthouse.

Magisterial District Judge Christian Frey, the LLA's Law Day Chairman, is willing to speak to students and teachers about Law Day. If you would like to make arrangements for Judge Frey to visit your school/classroom, please contact the LLA at 570-323-3768.



A special essay contest through the Third Circuit has been announced for all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders! U.S. Magistrate Judge Arbuckle will be judging those entries and holding an event for winners in the Federal Courthouse. For more information, go to: <a href="https://www.pamd.uscourts.gov/news/third-circuit-essay-contest-5th-and-6th-grade-students-%E2%80%9Cwhat-does-rule-law-mean-you-and-our">https://www.pamd.uscourts.gov/news/third-circuit-essay-contest-5th-and-6th-grade-students-%E2%80%9Cwhat-does-rule-law-mean-you-and-our</a>