



**LYCOMING** Law Day  2026  
LAW ASSOCIATION

# Rule of Law and the American Dream

**Introduction:** The 2026 Law Day theme, “*Rule of Law and the American Dream*,” reflects the foundational principle that no person stands above the law. By safeguarding individual rights and freedoms, the rule of law enables Americans to live freely and pursue their dreams.

**Deadline:** March 20, 2026 by 12:00PM. All essay entries must be submitted electronically to the Lycoming Law Association via email to [MFrey@lycolaw.org](mailto:MFrey@lycolaw.org).

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.

## **Essay Contest:**

Grades K-5 – Not to exceed 300 words

What is the American Dream? Describe a law that helps people pursue it?

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

Reflect on a law that has played an important role in American history. How has it supported or challenged the American Dream for different groups of people?

**Art Contest:** Create an original piece of artwork that shows how the rule of law helps make the American Dream possible. 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Each essay entry must be the student’s original work. Entries created by generative AI are not acceptable and will be disqualified from the contest.

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

**Celebration:** The winners of the 2026 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 1, 2026 at 4:00PM in Courtroom #1 at the Lycoming County Courthouse.

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