

Essay Contest Rules

1. The essay contest is open to grades K-12 and higher education level students in Pennsylvania.
2. One essay entry per student will be accepted. An entry form must be completed in full and included with the essay. The entry form must be signed by the student writer, the student's teacher and a parent or guardian of the student. The entry form is available on the PBA Web site: www.pabar.org/lre.asp.
3. Students should compose essays that communicate what "Rule of Law: It's what I live by" means to them. Each essay must be an original composition created by the student. The entry must be the actual work of only one student. Adults may support the student's effort with suggestions and other forms of verbal assistance, however, the work produced must be the product of the student's own effort.
4. The essay may be typed or neatly and legibly handwritten.
5. Entries will be judged by a review panel from the PBA's Law-Related Education Committee.
6. Judging Categories will be grades K - 3; 4 - 6; 7 - 9; 10 - 12; and post-secondary.
7. All winning students in each of the five categories will receive an award during the PBA's formal Law Day ceremony in May 2010. Winning essays may be featured in the 2010 *K-College Law Day Lesson Plan Guide* at the discretion of the judges.
8. An entry form must be completed in full and included with the entry. The entry form is available on the PBA Web site.
9. All entries must be postmarked by December 31, 2009.
10. Entrants will be notified of the winners by April 1, 2009. The winning students may be asked to attend the May 2010 PBA Law Day ceremony and may be asked to read their essay.
11. All entries, including essays and other submitted materials, become the property of the PBA and will not be returned. Entries may be reproduced by the PBA in any form and for any purpose.
12. Entry into this contest constitutes permission for the essays and writers to be photographed for publicity purposes without any compensation to the students, teachers, parents or guardians.
13. All federal, state and local regulations apply. Void where prohibited by law. Taxes on any prizes are the responsibility of the winners and their families.

Class Video/Audio Project Contest Rules

1. The video/audio contest is open to all K - 12 classes in Pennsylvania.
2. One entry per group of students will be accepted. Students may also enter the essay and poster contests.
3. The teacher submitting this entry must have signed permissions/releases from students and their parents/guardians for them to participate in this project. Videos/audios may be played for the public, including through the PBA Web site. Only the school name, grade and teacher's name will be used publicly to identify the project. Students names will not be published.
4. Classes should compose video/audio projects that communicate what "Rule of Law: It's what I live by" means to them. Each project must be original and created by the class. Teachers/adults may support the students' efforts with suggestions and other forms of verbal and technical assistance.
5. The project should be no longer than five minutes and may be as short as 30-seconds.
6. Examples of what is meant by video/audio project include a PowerPoint type presentation, an original rap, a student commercial or PSA, etc. Be creative.
7. Entries should be submitted on CD/DVD.
8. Entries will be judged by a review panel from the PBA's Law-Related Education Committee.
9. Judging Categories will be grades K-3; 4 - 8; and 9 - 12.
10. All winning students in each of the three categories may be recognized during the PBA's formal Law Day ceremony in May 2010. Winners may be asked to perform at the May ceremony. Winning projects may be featured in the 2010 *K-College Law Day Lesson Plan Guide* or on the PBA Web site at the discretion of the judges.
11. An entry form must be completed in full and included with the entry. The entry form is available on the PBA Web site: www.pabar.org/lre.asp.
12. All entries must be postmarked by December 31, 2009.
13. Entrants will be notified of the winners by April 1, 2010.
14. All entries, including posters and other submitted materials, become the property of the PBA and will not be returned. Entries may be reproduced by the PBA in any form and for any purpose.
15. Entry into this contest constitutes permission for the students and teachers to be photographed and the video/audio project to be broadcast for publicity purposes without any compensation to the students, teachers, parents or guardians.
16. All federal, state and local regulations apply. Void where prohibited by law. Taxes on any prizes are the responsibility of the winners and their families.