

# Celebrate the Constitution Poster, Essay and Video/Audio Contests

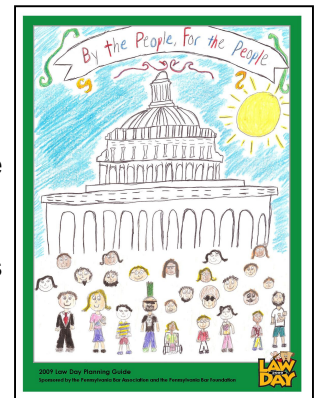
## Contest Overview

- The Pennsylvania Bar Association and Pennsylvania Bar Foundation are pleased to announce the Celebrate the Constitution Poster, Essay and Video/Audio Project Contests for students. The theme for this year's entries is "Rule of Law: It's what I live by."
- The winning students will be honored during the PBA's formal Law Day ceremony in May 2010 and will each receive a prize. The deadline for entry is Thursday, December 31, 2009.
- A student may submit one entry in the poster contest, one entry in the essay contest and be part of a class entry into the video/audio project contest.
- Lesson plans have been provided on the PBA web site to coincide with the contest theme. This contest helps schools meet Pennsylvania Academic Standards for Civics and Government 5.1.K across all grade levels, as well as Pennsylvania Academic Standards for History 8.2.B across all grade levels and 8.3.3.B.

## Poster Contest Rules

1. The poster contest is open to all K-12 students in Pennsylvania.
2. One poster entry per student will be accepted. An entry form must be completed in full and included with the poster. The entry form must be signed by the student artist, 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](http://www.pabar.org/lre.asp).
3. Students should create posters that show what "Rule of Law: It's what I live by" means to them. Each poster must be an original art 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 poster must be 8.5 inches x 11 inches. The design must be **VERTICAL** to facilitate reproduction on the front of the 2010 Law Day Guide. The "Rule of Law: It's what I live by" message may be communicated as creatively as possible using ink, tempera, powder paint, water colors, oil or magic marker. No computer-generated posters will be considered. The wording, "Rule of Law: It's what I live by" is the only wording that should appear on the poster.

5. Entries will be judged by a review panel from the PBA's Law-Related Education Committee.
6. Judging Categories will be K-3; 4-6; 7-9; 10-12.
7. Of the four categories of poster winners, the judges will select one to feature on the cover of the 2009 *K-College Law Day Lesson Plan Guide*. All winning students in each of the grade categories will receive an award during the PBA's formal Law Day ceremony in May 2010.
8. All entries must be postmarked by December 31, 2009.
9. Entrants will be notified of the winners by April 1, 2010. The winning students may be asked to attend the May 2010 PBA Law Day ceremony.
10. 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. The PBA reserves the right to modify any poster for reproduction purposes.
11. Entry into this contest constitutes permission for the artwork and artists to be photographed for publicity purposes without any compensation to the students, teachers, parents or guardians.
12. 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.



*Last year's winning cover.*

Please send your poster and entry form postmarked by December 31, 2009 to:

**Pennsylvania Bar Association  
Celebrate the Constitution Poster Contest  
100 South Street  
P.O. Box 186  
Harrisburg, PA 17108-0186**