2014 Law Day Poster, Essay and Video/Audio Contests

Contest Overview

- The Pennsylvania Bar Association and Pennsylvania Bar Foundation are pleased to announce the 2014 Law Day Poster, Essay and Video/Audio Project Contests for students. The theme for this year’s entries is “Every Vote Matters”
- The winning students will be honored during the PBA’s Law Day ceremony in May 2014 and will each receive a prize. The deadline for entry is Friday, March 21, 2014.
- 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 website 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 website, www.pabar.org/lre.asp.
3. Students should create posters based on the theme “Every Vote Matters.” This could include anything related to voting and elections - either from a historical perspective or based on their own dreams for the future. 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 may be vertical or horizontal. The “Every Vote Matters” 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.
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.
7. Winning students in each of the grade categories will receive an award during the PBA’s Law Day ceremony in May 2014.
8. All entries must be postmarked by March 21, 2014.
9. Winners will be announced by April 15, 2014.
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.

Please send your poster and entry form postmarked by March 21, 2014 to:
Pennsylvania Bar Association
Law Day Poster Contest
100 South Street
P.O. Box 186
Harrisburg, PA 17108-0186
**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 website, www.pabar.org/lre.asp.
3. Students should compose essays that communicate what “Every Vote Matters” means to them - either from a historical perspective or based on their own dreams for the future. Each essay must be an original composition created by the 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 Law Day ceremony in May 2014. Winning essays may be featured on the PBA website at the discretion of the judges.
8. An entry form must be completed in full and included with the essay. The entry form is available on the PBA website.
9. All entries must be postmarked by March 21, 2014.
10. Winners will be notified by April 15, 2014.
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.
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**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 website. 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 “Every Vote Matters” means to them - either from a historical perspective or based on their own dreams for the future. 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 Law Day ceremony in May 2014. Winning projects may be featured on the PBA website 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 website.
12. All entries must be postmarked by March 21, 2014.
13. Winners will be notified by April 15, 2014.
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.