



THE WV STATE BAR COMMITTEE ON WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION

# 2021 LAW DAY CONTEST

FOR K-12 STUDENTS



SUBMISSION DEADLINE APRIL 15, 2021

CONTEST PACKET



## WV STATE BAR WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION COMMITTEE LAW DAY 2021 WELCOME LETTER

Dear West Virginia Educators and Students:

Welcome to the first of what we hope to be an annual contest for Law Day, which falls on May 1, 2021, each year. The purpose of Law Day is to celebrate the role of law in our society and to cultivate a deeper understanding of the legal profession. You can find out more about Law Day, and its history, by visiting

https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public\_education/law-day/history-of-law-day/

The West Virginia State Bar's Women in the Profession Committee was formed in 2020, and the Committee's members are excited to make this student Law Day Contest one of our first significant projects. The contest is open for students in grades K-12 who are attending school (including any public, private, or homeschool program) in West Virginia. We are hopeful that educators will make this available to students in their classrooms, and we encourage educators to provide extra credit, or to make participation in this Contest a graded assignment. However, it does not have to be. The students just need to have a teacher sponsor their Contest submission.

This year, the educators have the option to select from one of two themes, which are described in the packet. Educators can select the medium created by the students, or those educators can give students the option of what medium they will create. The possibilities include essay-writing, poetry, songwriting and performance, poster creation, and social media marketing.

The submission deadline is April 15, 2021, and the submission requirements are contained in this Contest Packet. Each submission must contain a Submission Form and be signed by the student, teacher, and parent for each student participating. The only exception is in the case of a classroom-wide submission of a poster, which is an available option for educators teaching Grades K-5. In that event, we need a submission form and a list of the students in the classroom who participated.

Winners will be selected and announced by May 1, 2021. Prizes will be given for winners in each of the three school-levels (K-5, 6-8, 9-12) for each medium (poster, essay, poem, song, social media post) and, in addition, overall prizes will be awarded for "Best in Show" for each of the three school levels. We are also planning a Virtual Tour of the WVU College of Law and a roundtable with current law students for our high school-level winners.

Good luck to each of the students who participate! We are excited to see their creativity and understanding of the themes reflected in their submissions!

Happy Learning!!

The West Virginia State Bar Women in the Profession Committee

## WV STATE BAR WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION COMMITTEE LAW DAY 2021 THEMES

Each year, the American Bar Association selects a Law Day theme. This year, we are giving educators and students the option of using either the 2020 theme, which was "Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment at 100," or the 2021 theme, which is "Advancing the Rule of Law Now." The themes are briefly described below.

### Option 1 "Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment at 100"

The women's right to vote movement forever changed America, expanding representative democracy and inspiring other popular movements for constitutional change and reform.

Learn more at <a href="https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public education/law-day/law-day-2020">https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public education/law-day-law-day-2020</a>.

### Option 2 "Advancing the Rule of Law Now"

The rule of law is a set of principles, or ideals, for ensuring an orderly and just society. The rule of law is the bedrock of American rights and liberties—in times of calm and unrest alike. The 2021 Law Day theme—"Advancing the Rule of Law, Now"—reminds all of us that we the people share the responsibility to promote the rule of law, defend liberty, and pursue justice.

Learn more at <a href="https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public\_education/law-day/">https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public\_education/law-day/</a>

### WV STATE BAR WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION COMMITTEE LAW DAY 2021 SONGWRITING CONTEST RULES

All entrants will receive a certificate of participation and a written evaluation of their submission.

**Age Categories -** Elementary, (K-5), Middle School (6-8) and High School (9-12)

#### **Submission Guidelines, Rules and Regulations**

- Students are encouraged to submit an original song from any popular music genre.
- Submissions must meet or address one of two themes: (1) "Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment at 100" or (2) "Advancing the Rule of Law Now."
- Complete submissions shall include an audio or video recording and a lyric sheet.
- Submit your Lyric Sheet as a PDF with your name, school, teacher and county in the email.
- Video or audio file and lyric sheet should be emailed to WVLawDay@wvbar.org. Submissions must be accompanied by a completed submission form (form attached).
- The song recording should be no longer than 3 minutes in duration.
- Recordings may be of a portion of the song.
- Recording must be made as an audio clip or video (MP3 or MP4 format) and may be made on a cell phone.
- Each entrant must be sponsored by an educator.
- Each applicant may submit a maximum of two songs.
- Plagiarism of copyrighted material is illegal.
- Songs may be submitted as an individual or as groups of no more than three students. A separate submission sheet must be submitted by each participating student.

#### **Criteria for the Evaluation of Compositions**

Entries will be judged based on their originality, aesthetic quality, how well the song addresses the chosen theme, and the power of the music and lyrics.

#### **Ownership**

Ownership of the songs submitted for the contest will remain with the songwriter. However, the WV State Bar reserves the right to reproduce and publish any and all artwork submitted for this contest, and publish the artist's name, age and school for promotional and marketing use.

### WV STATE BAR WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION COMMITTEE LAW DAY 2021 POSTER CONTEST RULES

### All entrants will receive a certificate of participation and a written evaluation of their submission

**Age Categories -** Elementary, (K-5), Middle School (6-8) and High School (9-12)

#### **Submission Guidelines, Rules and Regulations**

- Students are encouraged to submit an original poster.
- Submissions must meet or address one of two themes: (1) "Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment at 100" or (2) "Advancing the Rule of Law Now."
- Poster size shall be 12" x 18" (vertical).
- Submit a photograph of your poster in either JPG (300 dpi) or PDF format with your name, school, teacher and county in the email.
- Email your submission to WVLawDay@wvbar.org. Submissions must be accompanied by a completed submission form (form attached).
- Each entrant must be sponsored by an educator.
- Each applicant may submit a maximum of one poster.
- Plagiarism of copyrighted material is illegal.
- For grade K-5, posters may be submitted as a class; otherwise, each poster may be submitted as an individual or as groups of no more than three students. A separate submission sheet must be submitted by each participating student.
- If your poster contains any photographs, please confirm that either you took the photograph or that you have obtained legal rights to use the photograph.

#### Criteria for the Evaluation of Posters

Entries will be judged based on their originality, aesthetic quality, and how well the poster addresses the chosen theme.

#### **Ownership**

Ownership of the poster submitted for the contest will remain with the creator. However, the WV State Bar reserves the right to reproduce and publish any and all artwork submitted for this contest, and publish the artist's name, age and school for promotional and marketing use.

### WV STATE BAR WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION COMMITTEE LAW DAY 2021 SOCIAL MEDIA POST CONTEST RULES

### All entrants will receive a certificate of participation and a written evaluation of their submission

**Age Categories -** Elementary, (K-5), Middle School (6-8) and High School (9-12)

### **Submission Guidelines, Rules and Regulations**

- Students are encouraged to submit an original social media post designed to market the selected theme on social media.
- Submissions must meet or address one of two themes: (1) "Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment at 100" or (2) "Advancing the Rule of Law Now."
- Do not use commercially available sources for post content or art all aspects of the post should be original.
- Submissions should incorporate the hashtag "#WVLawDay2021."
- The post should be static. In other words, posts with video are not permitted.
- The best image size for Instagram posts are: 1080px by 1080px (Square) 1080px by 1350px (Portrait) and 1080px by 608px (Landscape). The best image size for Facebook posts is 1,200px by 630px. The best image size for images for Twitter posts is 1,200 px by 675px.
- The word limit for an Instagram post is 2,200 characters. The word limit for a Facebook post is 63,206 characters. The word limits for a Twitter post is 280 characters. Remember, just because the word limits exist does not mean that your post must take up all of the available characters.
- Submit a photograph of your social media post in either JPG (300 dpi) or PDF format with your name, school, teacher and county in the email. Please include the written (non-image) portion of the post in the text of the email as well. Please also designate the social media for which your post is designed (i.e., Instagram, Facebook, etc.)
- Email your submission to WVLawDay@wvbar.org. Submissions must be accompanied by a completed submission form (form attached).
- Each entrant must be sponsored by an educator.
- Each applicant may submit a maximum of one social media post.
- Plagiarism of copyrighted material is illegal.
- For grade K-5, social media posts may be submitted as a class; otherwise, each social media post should be created by an individual student.

• If your social media content contains any photographs, please confirm that either you took the photograph or that you have obtained legal rights to use the photograph or video.

#### **Criteria for the Evaluation of Social Media Posts**

Entries will be judged based on their originality, aesthetic quality, how well the social media post addresses the chosen theme, and the marketing quality of the post.

#### **Ownership**

Ownership of the social media posts submitted for the contest will remain with the student. However, the WV State Bar reserves the right to reproduce and publish any and all social media content submitted for this contest, and publish the artist's name, age and school for promotional and marketing use.

### WV STATE BAR WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION COMMITTEE LAW DAY 2021 ESSAY AND POEM CONTEST RULES

### All entrants will receive a certificate of participation and a written evaluation of their submission

**Age Categories -** Elementary, (K-5), Middle School (6-8) and High School (9-12)

#### **Submission Guidelines, Rules and Regulations**

- Students are encouraged to submit an original essay addressing one of the contest themes.
- Submissions must meet or address one of two themes: (1) "Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment at 100" or (2) "Advancing the Rule of Law Now."
- All essay submissions should be 500 words or less for K-8 submissions and 1,000 words or less for students in grades 9-12.
- All entries must be typed in 12 pt. Times New Roman or Arial fonts and submitted in MS Word and PDF formats. Essay and poems will be judged on content and presentation. Any paraphrases and/or quotes must contain appropriately cited references.
- Each entry must include the following information in the front upper left hand corner on the first page of the submission: (1) Title of work (if applicable) (2) Student's name (3) Student's grade and age (4) School or group name (5) Teacher or group coordinator name (If registering as part of a school or group)
- Email your submission to WVLawDay@wvbar.org. Submissions must be accompanied by a completed submission form (form attached).
- Each entrant must be sponsored by an educator.
- Each applicant may submit a maximum of one essay and/or one poem. Each essay and/or poem should be written by an individual student.
- Plagiarism of copyrighted material is illegal.

#### **Criteria for the Evaluation of Essays and Poems**

Entries will be judged based on their readability, creativeness, content, grammar, and how well the writing addresses the chosen theme.

#### **Ownership**

Ownership of the essays and poems submitted for the contest will remain with the student. However, the WV State Bar reserves the right to reproduce and publish any and all essays or poems (or portions thereof) submitted for this contest, and publish the artist's name, age and school for promotional and marketing use.

## WV STATE BAR WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION COMMITTEE LAW DAY 2021 GENERAL SUBMISSION RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL SUBMISSIONS

- A submission of a project should be made in a single email with the project work (i.e., the essay or poem in Word and PDF formats; the audio/video file and lyric sheet for the song; etc.) AND the completed submission form for each of the students who have worked on the project as attachments to the email.
- The submission should be emailed to <a href="https://www.bar.org">WVLawDay@wvbar.org</a> with the following in the subject line: 2021 Law Day Submission by [STUDENT(S) NAME(S)].
- Submissions must be received by 11:59 p.m. on April 15, 2021.

Category	4	ယ	2	
Ideas and Development	The content is well suited for the audience, purpose, and mode	<ul> <li>The content is adequate for the audience, purpose, and mode</li> </ul>	The content is inconsistent with the audience, purpose, and mode	The content is irrelevant to the audience, purpose, and mode
	<ul> <li>The main idea or thesis is clear</li> <li>Ideas are fully developed and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The main idea is evident but may lack clarity</li> </ul>	The main idea is not focused and leaves the reader with questions and	<ul> <li>The composition lacks a central idea</li> </ul>
	elaborated using details, examples, reasons, or evidence	<ul> <li>Ideas are developed using some details, examples,</li> </ul>	making inferences to understand the main idea	<ul> <li>Ideas lack development or may be repetitive</li> </ul>
	The creator expresses an insightful perspective towards the topic	<ul> <li>reasons, and/or evidence</li> <li>The creator sustains his/her perspective toward the topic</li> </ul>	Ideas are minimally developed with few details     May simply be a list of ideas	The creator has little or no perspective on the topic
	נופ טטוס	throughout most of the work	<ul> <li>May simply be a list of ideas</li> <li>The creator has difficulty expressing his/her perspective toward the topic</li> </ul>	
Organization, Unity, and Coherence	<ul> <li>Engaging to intended audience</li> <li>Consistent focus on the theme/topic</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Evident introduction to the topic</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>May lack a clear organizational structure</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lacks logical direction</li> <li>No evidence of organizational</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Adequate focus</li> <li>Adequate sequencing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Weak evidence of unity</li> <li>Little or limited sequencing and/or</li> </ul>	structure
	where appropriate Order and structure are strong	digression	Details may be randomly placed	
		transitions where appropriate  Structure present		
Word Choice	Appropriate word choice which conveys the correct meaning and appeals to the audience in an	Words generally convey the intended message     The creator uses words that	Word choice lacks precision and variety or may be inappropriate to the audience and number	Word choice indicates an extremely limited or inaccurate
	interesting, precise, and natural way Written content is engaging	are appropriate but do not necessarily energize the work	May be simplistic and/or vague     Relies on overused or vague language     Calet groot your popular.	<ul> <li>No attempts at figurative language</li> <li>General, vague words that fail to</li> </ul>
	No vague, overused, repetitive language is used (ie., very,	nouns, and imaginative adjectives	Few attempts at figurative language and dialogue	<ul> <li>Text too short to relay message in meaningful way</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Words that evoke strong images such as sensory</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Few vague, overused or repetitive words used.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Word choice is unimaginative and colorless with images that are unclear or absent.</li> </ul>	
Grammar, Usage, and	The creator demonstrates	The creator shows	The creator shows minimal use of	The creator demonstrates very
Mechanics	appropriate use of correct o Spelling	adequate use of correct o Spelling	correct o Spelling	limited use of correct o Spelling
	o Grammar	o Grammar	o Grammar	o Grammar
	o Usage	o Usage	o Usage	o Usage
	<ul> <li>Errors are minor and do not affect readability</li> </ul>	Errors may be more     noticeable but do not     incitionally official	<ul> <li>Errors may be distracting and interfere with readability</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Errors are numerous and severely impede readability</li> </ul>
		readability		
Creativity	Exceptionally clever and unique demonstration of intended content	Thoughtfully and uniquely presented; clever at times in showing understanding of theme.	A few original touches to enhance the project that demonstrates some	Shows little creativity, originality and/or effort in conveying the material in a meaningful and impactful way.
	reader/viewer/listener in a lasting or memorable way.	,	•	-

Adherence to Theme and Understanding of Content	<ul> <li>Shows a sophisticated level of understanding of the content.</li> <li>Demonstrates a high level of comprehension of the meaning of the theme.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Shows an understanding of the theme.</li> <li>Expresses the theme in a thoughtful manner.</li> <li>Sets forth the theme in a</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Displays a limited understanding of the chosen theme.</li> <li>May contain misunderstandings or misinterpretations of research on theme or topic.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Does not demonstrate an understanding of the chosen theme.</li> <li>Misses key points or research areas.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Expresses, at high level, the theme in a manner that demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of the material.</li> <li>Demonstrates significant research into the theme.</li> </ul>	manner that shows an average level of understanding of research material.	<ul> <li>Expresses theme but only in a rudimentary level.</li> </ul>	
Submission-Type Related Criteria	<ul> <li>Song: lyrics and music excellently written, catching and captivating, wonderful performance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Song: lyrics and music well written and performed; notes, tones and keys flow; consistent</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Song: lyrics and music are adequate, but the lyrics and melody do not flow; choppy transitions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Song: Lyrics clash with music; purpose or focus unclear; unnatural tempo.</li> </ul>
	well-organized, conveys the theme and key points in a captivating way.	<ul> <li>Essay: well-organized, conveys the theme and key</li> </ul>	main idea, but it is not well-organized for maximum impact on reader; writing is	adequately presented in an organized manner; essay is difficult to follow
	<ul> <li>Poster: Eye-catching, clever, conveys message well.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>points in a adequate way.</li><li>Poster: Good use of media,</li></ul>	adequate but may be boring or too simplistic	<ul> <li>Poster: May be disorganized in content or messaging, little or no</li> </ul>
	Social Media Post: Great     Inderstanding of marketing aspects of	Social Media Post:	<ul> <li>Poster: Presentation is overly simple or does not adequately convey</li> </ul>	Social Media Post: Fails to
	social media; captivating and eye-	adequate understanding of	theme.	demonstrate any understanding of
	catching post; written content is informative and persuasive.	marketing aspects of social media; written content is	<ul> <li>Social Media Post: Little understanding of marketing aspects of</li> </ul>	marketing aspects of medium; does not adequately convey theme or message;
	<ul> <li>Poem: creative, follows poetry</li> </ul>	adequate and meets theme.	media; unpleasant graphics and/or	may not have text or graphic; may not
	captivating and compelling	conventions well, but does not	Poem: poetry conventions not	Poem: fails to follow conventions
		compelling.	message	ioi boen), iacs of mematic message

### WV STATE BAR WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION COMMITTEE LAW DAY 2021 SCORING SHEET

NAME		GRADE	
SCHOOL			
TEACHER			
SUBMISSION TYF	PE (check one; complete a separate	submission form for ea	ach submission):
Essay	PoemSocial Med	ia Song	Poster
SELECTED THEM	E (check one):		
	our Vote, Your Voice, Our Democrac dvancing the Rule of Law Now	y: The 19 <sup>th</sup> Amendme	nt at 100
categories or topic range. Please use	S / JUDGES: This contest is for grades ke s that are not applicable to lower grade your judgment and adjust scoring as ne their work is judged against that of thei g criteria.	levels as it is geared tov cessary to fairly score su	vard the 8-12 grade bmissions by students in
SCORE	CATEGORY		
	Ideas and Development		
	Organization, Unity and Co	herence	
	Word Choice		
	Grammar, Usage and Mech	anics	
	Creativity		
	Adherence to Theme and U	Inderstanding of Co	ontent
	Submission-Type Related C	riteria	
TOTAL SCORE	:/28		

### WV STATE BAR WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION COMMITTEE LAW DAY 2021 SUBMISSION FORM

### PLEASE SUBMIT A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH STUDENT WHO IS SUBMITTING AN ENTRY, EVEN IF THERE ARE MULTIPLE STUDENTS WHO ARE ON THE SAME SUBMISSION

NAME	GRADE
ADDRESS (can be school address)	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
SCHOOL	
TEACHER	TEACHER EMAIL
SUBMISSION TYPE (check one; comple	te a separate submission form for each submission):
Essay Poem	Social Media SongPoster
SELECTED THEME (check one):	
Advancing the Rule of Lav  By submitting this form, I acknowledge	that I have read and understand the guidelines, rules and im submitting my work. (Each student must submit this form,
·	Teacher Signature
State Bar Women in the Profession Committee Laparticipation in the Contest, agree to abide by the Bar, perpetually, exclusively, and for all media (in publish, reproduce, distribute and modify the work the student as the creator of the work in any pron Virginia State Bar. I hereby release the West Virgi claims, demands, causes of action, suits, costs, exhave against the West Virginia State Bar, its official the identification of the student as the creator of the name of my child in connection with the work not responsible for copyright violations by submit	
materials (i.e., to publish photographs of the Con	Vest Virginia State Bar to use the student's image in promotional or marketing itest winners).
Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)	
Parent/Guardian Signature	

#### **COUNTY LEGAL FIELD CONTACTS**

If you have questions about the Contest, the following lawyers and judges have volunteered to serve as contacts for educators whose students are participating in the Contest. If your county is not listed below, you may contact any member of the WV State Bar Women in the Profession Committee's Education Subcommittee, who are:

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