



2021 LAW DAY ESSAY CONTEST

2021 Law Day Theme: “Advancing the Rule of Law Now”

The rule of law is a set of principles, or ideals, for ensuring an orderly and just society. Many countries throughout the world strive to uphold the rule of law where no one is above the law, everyone is treated equally under the law, everyone is held accountable to the same laws, there are clear and fair processes for enforcing laws, there is an independent judiciary, and human rights are guaranteed for all. See: https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/law-day/

Essay Question: Can one person have an impact on advancing the rule of law? Why or why not?

Contest Rules:

1. All applicants must be a high school junior or senior currently enrolled in a Douglas County or Elbert County high school.
2. Each essay must be the student’s original work.
3. Each essay must be 500 words or fewer, typed, double spaced and one sided.
4. Each student shall submit only one entry.
5. Each entry **MUST** include the following:
 - a) A cover sheet stating:
 - 1) The student's name, home address, telephone number, and email;
 - 2) The school name, address and phone number; and
 - 3) The essay word count.
 - b) An essay meeting the requirements of this contest.
 - c) An official school transcript with the student’s GPA; and
 - d) Two letters of recommendation describing the student’s community involvement.
6. The deadline for entries is **Friday, April 2, 2021 at 5 p.m.** No late entries will be accepted.

7. Entries must be **received** either via regular mail or via email on or before the deadline, as follows:

VIA REGULAR
MAIL:

DEBA
c/o Ian Shea
Heckenbach Malara PC
7400 East Orchard Road, Suite 3025N
Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111

VIA EMAIL:

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If an entry is sent via email, all of the documentation and information required for entry **MUST** be included.

In the subject line of the email, you must write: “DEBA ESSAY CONTEST SUBMISSION”.

Emailed submissions must be submitted in PDF form.

8. Essays will be judged on format, clarity, style, reasoning, creativity and overall effort.
9. The Douglas Elbert Bar Association will select **one** contest winner, based on several factors, including the student’s essay, the student’s GPA and classes, letters of recommendation describing the student’s community involvement, and extra-curricular activities.
10. Submitted entries will not be returned.
11. The Douglas Elbert Bar Association retains the right to reproduce any essays submitted, in whole or in part, and the names, schools and photos of award recipients.
12. Award recipients agree to attend the April 30, 2021 Law Day event, to be held virtually, so that they may be acknowledged.

Prize: One \$5,000 scholarship for payment of college tuition paid directly to the educational institution will be awarded to the winner.