



2020 LAW DAY ESSAY CONTEST

2020 Law Day Theme: “Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19th Amendment at 100”

In 2019-2020, the United States is commemorating the centennial of the transformative constitutional amendment that guaranteed the right of citizens to vote would not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex. American women fought for, and won, the vote through their voice and action.

See: https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/law-day/

Essay Question: Should the voting age be lowered to 16? 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 **Tuesday, March 31, 2020 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 Karin L. Van Zee
Law Office of Karin L. Van Zee
11479 S. Pine Drive
Parker, Colorado 80134

VIA EMAIL: kvanzeelaw@earthlink.net

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 the student’s GPA, student’s essay and student’s letters of recommendation describing the student’s community involvement.
10. Submitted entries will not be returned.
11. The student selected as the winner must attend the Law Day Celebration:

Friday, May 1, 2020
Douglas County Courthouse
4000 Justice Way, Jury Assembly Room
Castle Rock, Colorado 80109.
12. The Douglas Elbert Bar Association retains the right to reproduce any essays submitted, in whole or in part.

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