



2023 LAW DAY ESSAY CONTEST

2023 Theme: “Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration”

The 2023 Law Day theme will be “Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration.” We invite everyone to join us in rebuilding trust in our institutions, respect for one another, and our willingness to collaborate to address the challenges that face our nation.

Essay Question:

Describe a meaningful event in your life where you worked with someone holding different views in order to overcome differences or resolve disputes. Explain how the skills you used could be applied to a conflict that exists in your school or community.

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 750 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 or an official or unofficial transcript transmitted directly from a school official; and
 - d) Two letters of recommendation.

6. The deadline for entries is **Monday, April 3, 2023 at 5 p.m.** No late entries will be accepted.
7. Entries must be **received** via email on or before the deadline, as follows:

VIA EMAIL: ishea@familylawcolorado.com
All 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, 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 should plan to attend this year’s Law Day Event on May 5, 2023 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM and may stay for a presentation from current and former members of Colorado’s Supreme Court and Court of Appeals from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

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