

STATE BAR *of* TEXAS

LAW DAY

2022

*Toward a More Perfect Union:
The Constitution in Times of Change*

2022 LAW DAY CONTESTS

Sixty-four years ago, in 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day as a way to challenge Americans to understand how the rule of law impacts their lives and to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to participate in a democracy. The State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association celebrate the importance of the rule of law and its impact on our nation and local communities by hosting statewide editorial, photo, and poster contests based on the American Bar Association Law Day yearly theme. The State Bar sponsors the statewide editorial and photo contests, and co-sponsors the statewide poster contests with the Texas Young Lawyers Association.

Local bars and young lawyer affiliates are encouraged to hold local contests and submit their first-place winners in each category to the State Bar for the statewide contest. **The State Bar will accept only one entry per category from each local bar association. Entries must place in a local contest to be allowed submission into the statewide contest. Please submit your forms and winning entries digitally only via flash drive or email. The deadline for statewide submissions is Wednesday, March 30, 2022.**

2022 LAW DAY THEME TOWARD A MORE PERFECT UNION: THE CONSTITUTION IN TIMES OF CHANGE

The 2022 Law Day theme is “Toward a More Perfect Union: The Constitution in Times of Change” “We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union...” are the opening words of the U.S. Constitution. At 4,400 words and signed in 1787, it is one of the shortest and oldest written constitutions in the world.

The Constitution is a dynamic document, as it not only outlines a blueprint for government, but also delegates power, articulates rights, and offers mechanisms for change. It is neither perfect, nor exhaustive, as our nation’s history makes clear. Legislation, court rulings, amendments, lawyers, and “we the people” have built upon those original words across generations to attempt to make the “more perfect Union” more real. That effort continues today, as contemporary leaders and everyday citizens raise their voices as loud as ever to fulfill the promise of the Constitution. Defining and refining those words of the Constitution might be our oldest national tradition, and how each of us works—together—toward a more perfect Union.

All entries should reflect the student’s interpretation of the 2022 Law Day theme by responding to the following prompt:

What role does the Constitution play in times of change?

STATEWIDE PRIZES AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

The first-, second-, and third-place winners of the statewide contests in each category will be invited to the State Bar of Texas Law Day Luncheon on **Monday, May 2, 2022**. The State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association will host the luncheon and present the awards to the winners. The State Bar of Texas will reimburse travel expenses for the winner and two guests. Reimbursement amounts are determined by the student’s proximity to Austin.

Below is an explanation of the prizes.

EDITORIAL CONTEST

1st Place: \$1,000 and certificate; 2nd Place: \$500 and certificate; 3rd Place: \$250 and certificate

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

1st Place: \$400 and certificate; 2nd Place: \$200 and certificate; 3rd Place: \$100 and certificate

POSTER CONTEST

1st Place: \$200 gift certificate; 2nd Place: \$100 gift certificate; 3rd Place: \$50 gift certificate

The prizes above represent a scholarship award from the State Bar of Texas. In order to remain tax free for IRS purposes, this scholarship award must be used for education-related expenses. It will be up to the individual receiving the award to furnish documentation in case of an IRS audit.

2022 STATEWIDE LAW DAY STUDENT CONTEST RULES

Local bar associations or young lawyer affiliates will submit their local first-place contest entries into the statewide Law Day contests. Statewide entries must be received by the State Bar of Texas by **Wednesday, March 30, 2022**. Entries must place in a local contest to be allowed submission into the statewide contest.

EDITORIAL CONTEST

1. Students from 9th grade to 12th grade are invited to take part in the editorial contest.
2. All expenses involved in preparing and submitting an entry are the entrant's and/or the local bar association's responsibility.
3. The editorial must be the student's original work.
4. The editorial must be written in response to the following prompt: **What role does the Constitution play in times of change?**
5. The editorial must be no longer than 500 words.
6. The editorial must be typewritten and double-spaced.
7. The editorial must include a cover page with the following information: name of student, the title of the editorial, name of high school, and city of residence.
8. Each page of the editorial submission must include a header with the title and page number only.
9. The editorial must show critical analysis and be based on historical evidence.
10. The editorial must be accompanied by the entry form. The entry form must be fully completed and signed by the student's parent or guardian. Both the entry form and the editorial submission must be submitted in digital format via flash drive or email and the files must be clearly labeled.
11. By entering, the student gives the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association the right to reproduce material submitted in any medium without time, use, or territorial limitation as long as it is for non-commercial purposes.
12. The State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association bear no responsibility for lost or damaged statewide entries.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

1. Students from 6th grade to 12th grade are invited to take part in the photography contest.
2. All expenses involved in preparing and submitting an entry are the entrant's and/or the local bar association's responsibility.
3. Photographs must be the student's original work.
4. Photographs must reflect the 2022 Law Day theme and prompt: **What role does the Constitution play in times of change?**
5. Color and black and white photographs are eligible.
6. Photographs should not have been published in any medium and should have been taken after June 1, 2021.
7. Photographs larger than 8 x 10 inches, or those that are mounted or framed, are not eligible for the contest.

8. The entrant must submit a digital version of the photography entry only. No hard copies of the work will be accepted.
9. The photograph file must be accompanied by a digital version of the entry form. The entry form must be fully completed and signed by the student's parent or guardian.
10. By entering, the student gives the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association the right to reproduce material submitted in any medium without time, use, or territorial limitation as long as it is for non-commercial purposes.
11. The State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association bear no responsibility for lost or damaged statewide entries.

POSTER CONTEST

1. There are multiple categories for the poster contest: K-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade, 6th-8th grade, and 9th-12th grade.
2. All expenses involved in preparing and submitting an entry are the entrant's and/or the local bar association's responsibility.
3. The poster entry must be a digital photo file of the student's original work.
4. The poster must reflect the 2022 Law Day theme and prompt: **What role does the Constitution play in times of change?**
5. The poster entry must be a photo of a two-dimensional drawing, painting or collage. No computer-generated work will be eligible.
6. Entries must be a color photo of the original poster created by the entrant.
7. Posters larger than 25 x 32 inches are not eligible.
8. The poster photo must be accompanied by a digital version of the entry form. The entry form must be fully completed and signed by the student's parent or guardian.
9. By entering, the student gives the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association the right to reproduce material submitted in any medium without time, use, or territorial limitation as long as it is for non-commercial purposes.
10. The State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association bear no responsibility for lost or damaged statewide entries.

2022 LAW DAY AWARDS ENTRY AND RELEASE FORM

Student's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Student's Mailing Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

Parent or Guardian's Primary Phone Number: _____ Alt. Phone Number: _____

Parent or Guardian's Email Address: _____

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

This entry is for (check one):

Editorial Contest

Photography Contest

Poster Contest

Title of Entry: _____

Student's Signature: _____

PARENTAL PERMISSION

I hereby grant my child permission to participate in the statewide 2022 Law Day contests. I have read the contest rules, and my child's entry complies with the rules.

Parent's Name: _____ Parent's Signature: _____

Local Bar Use Only

Instructions: A digital version of this form should be submitted by the local bar association or young lawyer affiliate on behalf of each student entrant for the statewide Law Day contests. Please ensure that this form is fully completed and accompanies each digital entry before sending it to the State Bar of Texas via email or flash drive. Entries must be received by **Wednesday, March 30, 2022**. The State Bar will only accept one entry per category from each local bar association. **All entries and forms will be accepted as digital files only. No hardcopy entries or entry forms will be accepted. All entries and entry forms must be clearly labeled.** Please send your flash drive or email containing all entries and entry forms to the following address:

If mailing flashdrive using USPS:

State Bar of Texas

Local Bar Services

P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487

Tel: (800) 204-2222, ext. 1514

Email: localbars@texasbar.com

If sending flashdrive using Fed-Ex or UPS:

State Bar of Texas

Local Bar Services

1414 Colorado, Austin, TX 78701

Tel: (800) 204-2222, ext. 1514

Email: localbars@texasbar.com

Name of Local Bar Association Submitting Entry: _____

GENERAL TIMELINE FOR 2022 LAW DAY

October – November	Local bars organize and plan local contests.
December – February	Determine which schools or extracurricular groups will participate in your local contest and distribute your local contest materials.
March	Hold judging for local contests and digitally submit first-place winners in each category to the State Bar of Texas for the statewide contest by Wednesday, March 30, 2022 .
April – May	Recognize winners at local Law Day festivities.
Mid-April	Statewide winners and their bar associations notified.
May 1	Law Day celebrated nationally.
May 2	State Bar of Texas Law Day Ceremony at the Texas Law Center in Austin where statewide winners are recognized.

Please visit our website at texasbar.com/lawday to view our 2022 Law Day Tool Kit and more information.

Or, visit the American Bar Association's website at americanbar.org.

For additional information, please contact:

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