

STATE BAR *of* TEXAS

LAW DAY

2020

*Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy:
The 19th Amendment at 100.*

2020 LAW DAY CONTESTS

Sixty-two 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 only accept one entry per category from each local bar association and entries must place in a local contest to be allowed submission into the statewide contest. The deadline for statewide submissions is Friday, March 27, 2020.**

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. The women's suffrage movement forever changed America, expanding representative democracy and inspiring other popular movements for constitutional change and reform. Yet, honest reflection on the suffrage movement reveals complexity and tensions over race and class that remain part of the ongoing story of the 19th Amendment and its legacies.

All entries should reflect the student's interpretation of the 2020 Law Day theme by responding to the following prompt:

What impact has the 19th Amendment had on our society, culture, and democracy?

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 **Friday, May 1, 2020**. 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 length of travel 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.

2020 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 **Friday, March 27, 2020**. 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 impact has the 19th Amendment had on our society, culture, and democracy?**
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.
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 2020 Law Day theme and prompt: **What impact has the 19th Amendment had on our society, culture, and democracy?**
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, 2019.
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 two exact duplicates of the photograph.
9. The photographs must be accompanied by the entry form. The entry form must be fully completed and signed by the student's parent or guardian.
10. The back of the photograph must include a typewritten label with the following information: name of student, the title of the photo, name of school, and city of residence.
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.

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 must be the student's original work.
4. The poster must reflect the 2020 Law Day theme and prompt: **What impact has the 19th Amendment had on our society, culture, and democracy?**
5. The poster must be a two-dimensional drawing, painting, or collage. No computer-generated work will be eligible.
6. Entries can be color copies if the original poster is being displayed by a local bar association.
7. Posters larger than 25 x 32 inches are not eligible.
8. The poster must be accompanied by the entry form. The entry form must be fully completed and signed by the student's parent or guardian.
9. The back of the poster must include a typewritten label with the following information: name of student, the title of the poster, name of school, and city of residence.
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.

2020 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 2020 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: 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 entry before sending it to the State Bar of Texas. Entries must be received by **Friday, March 27, 2020**. The State Bar will only accept one entry per category from each local bar association. Please provide an electronic version of the editorial entry attached in an email. Please send entries to the following address:

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: _____

Check this box if you require the entry to be returned to your association after the conclusion of the State Bar of Texas Law Day Luncheon, May 1, 2020

**Photography and poster submissions will not be returned to the local bar association or young lawyer affiliate until after the conclusion of the State Bar of Texas Law Day Luncheon, May 1, 2020. If your association wishes to display the entries prior to this date, please provide a full-size color copy for statewide judging.*



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GENERAL TIMELINE FOR 2020 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 submit first-place winners in each category to the State Bar of Texas for the statewide contest by Friday, March 27, 2020.
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 1	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 2020 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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