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BLACK LAW STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION - Birmingham School of Law Chapter
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RE: 2022 Law Day Art and Essay Contests for High School Students

Dear Principals and Teachers,

The Black Law Student Association-BSL Chapter (BLSA-BSL) is proud to announce its 2022 Law Day activities! This year is going to be a time of dynamic learning and fun for all involved!

Law Day is an annual national event celebrating the role of law in our society. The 2022 Law Day theme (chosen by the American Bar Association) is ***Towards a More Perfect Union: The Constitution in Times of Change***. This theme seeks to emphasize the importance of the rule of law in our society. Examples of daily practices taken for granted but protected by the rule of law include the free exercise of individual rights – expressing opinions that are unpopular, practicing religions that are not widely understood, and participating in public life at school, in court, and in the voting booth.

There are two contests this year for your students to participate in:

- High School (9th - 12th) Art Contest
- High School (9th - 12th) Essay Contest

Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) applicants from each category. The First Place Winner from each category will receive \$300.00, the Second Place Winner will receive \$150.00, and the Third Place Winner will receive \$75.00. Teachers will be notified if their student is a winner. In addition, the winners and his/her parents and teacher will be invited to attend our 2022 Law Day activities at Birmingham School of Law on Sunday, May 1, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. as honorary guests of the Black Law Student Association.

Deadline and Rules

All submissions and entry forms should be sent to Rachel Allen and Stephanie Buffaloe via email by Thursday, March 31, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Further details and rules regarding rules and submissions are included in the attached documents and online at <https://bsolblsa.org/>. Please feel free to contact us with questions, and we look forward to your students' participation!

Sincerely,

Rachel Allen and Stephanie Buffaloe
Contest Coordinators

Art Contest contact: Rachel Allen, LawDayArt@outlook.com
Essay Contest contact: Stephanie Buffaloe, LawdayEssay@outlook.com



2022 BLSA – BSOL Law Day Art Contest Entry Form

Please complete this form and include it with your submission.

Student's Name: _____

Current Grade: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's Email: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Title of Artwork/Medium: _____

Deadline: Submissions will be accepted **between March 15 to March 31, 2022**. Entries must be submitted electronically to LawDayArt@outlook.com.



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The Black Law Student Association- BSOL Chapter Presents

2022 Law Day Art Contest

Theme: 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.”

*The above information was retrieved from the American Bar Association Website
https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/law-day/*

Content:

The Art Contest is open to **all Jefferson County and Birmingham City School District high school students in the 9th through 12th grades**. Submissions should incorporate the Law Day 2022 theme and depict images pertaining to the theme as they relate to the goal of the constitution through the students’ artistic expression. Submissions should be the students’ original work. We have listed below some suggested content to get the students started. Submissions are not limited to the suggestions below.

1. Illustrate or depict what represents the intent and purpose of “The U.S. Constitution”. For example: Bill of Rights, Founding Fathers, collage of words representing the Constitution and what it represents, the Constitutional Convention of 1787, the American flag, or design a postal stamp.
2. Illustrate or depict a landmark event in U.S. history that encompasses this year’s theme. Illustrations can depict a current or historic event. Think of events where the constitution was the center of public debate, landmark cases, and the people who are now known because of these events. Think of images related to Constitutional debates found in the news today.
3. Illustrate or depict what society might look like without the U.S. Constitution.

4. Create an advertisement that expresses the significance of the purpose/intent of U.S. Constitution and its significance.

Format:

Artwork must be two-dimensional, and all artwork must be **no larger than 18 X 24 inches**. Accepted mediums for the two-dimensional artwork are as following:

- Drawings: (colored pencils, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (it is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.)
- Paintings: (oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.)
- Collages: Must be two-dimensional
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed Media: Use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Students may use any medium (watercolor, acrylic, oil, crayon, chalk, collage, pen & ink, tempera, or charcoal).
- Photography can be film or digital (black/white or color).
- No frame is necessary.
- Artwork must be in the original medium.

Resources:

Teachers, coordinators, or students may visit the following websites to obtain additional information regarding the 2022 Law Day theme as well as the United States' constitution. These resources and instructional guidance will aid students in gaining an understanding of how the constitution functions as a legal framework that anchors several amendments and provisions in view of evolving legal issues of governance in the modern world.

- <http://www.lawday.org/>
- <https://www.constitutionfacts.com>
- <https://www.archives.gov/education/civic-education>
- <https://www.icivics.org/curriculum/constitution>
- <https://aptv.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/teaching-the-constitution/>

Submissions:

A digital file of the original artwork is required. Art teachers are to submit their student's artwork in one email along with each student's entry form to LawDayArt@outlook.com. The original art should be no larger than an 18 X 24 in size and medium; however, you must create a digital image (photograph) and submit as a high-resolution (minimum 300 dpi) digital file (JPG, JPEG, or PDF).

Only 50 submissions will be selected for inclusion in the exhibit, and the exhibit will be displayed during our 2022 Law Day festivities on May 1, 2022, at Birmingham School of Law.

Judging:

Entries for the art contest will be judged by a panel of various members of the art community. Submissions will be judged on the following criteria: incorporation of the 2022 Law Day theme, overall presentation, creativity, and originality.

Judging will take place early April 2022. Due to the volume of submissions, only the art teacher will be notified by email no later than April 22, 2022, for those students selected for inclusion in the exhibit. Additional information will be given later regarding the drop off location for the artwork to be displayed for the exhibition. All winning entries will be posted on our website during May.

Prizes:

Prizes and recognition will be given to the 1st place (\$300.00), 2nd place (\$150.00), and 3rd place (\$75.00) place winners.

Deadline:

Submissions will be accepted **between March 15 to March 31, 2022.** Again, entries must be submitted electronically to LawDayArt@outlook.com.

Disclaimer:

By entering, the student gives the Black Law Student Association – Birmingham School of Law Chapter and Birmingham School of Law the right to reproduce material submitted in any medium without time, use, or territorial limitation as long as it is for non-commercial purposes.

Questions or concerns: Please contact the Art Contest Coordinator, Rachel Allen via email at LawDayArt@outlook.com or via phone at (205) 910-8953.



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