

# Law Day Art Contest

## About the Contest

This annual contest provides a wonderful opportunity to learn about our legal system, justice, get creative and win prizes. The contest can be incorporated into a curriculum, offered as extra credit, or just done for fun. Individual and groups submissions are welcomed.

Students are allowed to submit an art piece which may be represented in two-dimensions to be entered in the Law Day Art Contest. Students are encouraged to use their creativity and create art pieces in any medium desired (including, but not limited to, drawings, paintings, films, photographs, graphic novels, comics, etc.).

The Law Day Art Contest is open to students, student groups, and classes attending a public or private high school, or being home schooled, within the United States and in grades 9-12 or the equivalent.

All qualified participants under the age of 18 must have their parent or guardian sign the Parental Permission Release Form, and each Entry Form must be signed by an adult.

**2017 Law Day Theme:** The American Bar Association recently announced the theme for Law Day 2017, which is **“The 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Transforming American Democracy.”**

As we approach the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fourteenth Amendment, the theme explores how the Citizenship, Due Process and equal Protection clauses of this transformative amendment served as the cornerstone of landmark civil rights legislation, the foundation for court decisions protecting fundamental rights, and a source of inspiration for those who advocate for equal justice under law.

[Learn more about the theme.](#)

**Submission:** Students will create a two-dimensional representation of an art piece (including, but not limited to, drawings, paintings, videos, photographs, graphic novels, comics, etc., exploring the procedural protections afforded to all of us by the U.S. Constitution and why the preservation of these principles is essential to our liberty. Please note artwork should be no larger than 11" x 17".

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**Entry Deadline:** March 31, 2017

**Recognition and Awards:** Runners-up for both the individual and team categories will receive prizes with a value not to exceed \$250.00 and winners for both the individual and team categories will receive prizes with a value not to exceed \$750.00.

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