

2024 LAW DAY ESSAY CONTEST

The Public Outreach Committee of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut cordially invites students in grades 9-12 to help us celebrate Law Day 2024 by writing essays relating to this year's theme.

VOICES OF DEMOCRACY

The Voices of Democracy Law Day theme encourages Americans to participate in the 2024 elections by deepening their understanding of the electoral process, discussing issues in honest and civil ways, and turning out to vote.

All entries should reflect a student's interpretation of the Law Day 2024 theme by responding to the following questions:

- 1. How can individual citizens use their vote to strengthen democracy?
- 2. How does the tenor of debate affect democracy?

ESSAY DIRECTIONS

The contest is open to students in grades 9-12. A Certificate of Recognition will be awarded to all students who participate, and prizes may be awarded.

- Write an essay of 500 words or less that addresses this year's theme.
- Essays should be typed or handwritten in ink.
- Do not include your name on the essay.
- When you are ready to submit, attach a cover sheet that includes a number assigned to the student, the student's school, grade, and teacher.
- Entries will be judged on accuracy of information, clarity of expression, content, and originality.
- Essays with attached cover sheet should be emailed by May 3, 2024, to Public_Outreach@ctd.uscourts.gov

