



LAW DAY 2020 Essay Contest



In recognition of Law Day, the Judiciary of Guam, the District Court of Guam, and the Guam Bar Association are sponsoring the annual Law Day Essay Contest.

What is Law Day?

Law Day is a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. Law Day underscores how law and the legal process have contributed to the freedoms that we all share.

The 2020 Guam Law Week Theme:

“Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19th Amendment at 100”

This year, the United States will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. The transformative constitutional amendment guarantees that the right of citizens to vote shall not be denied on account of sex. The amendment was passed in large part due to the women’s suffrage movement, a long struggle to ensure that women and men were equally deserving of all the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

To enter, students must write an essay addressing the following question:

With the upcoming 2020 Presidential Election in mind, explain the importance of the 19th Amendment and then provide an example of a contemporary problem that still persists, with respect to equality in voting rights. Furthermore, discuss the challenges policymakers face in fixing the problem you have identified.

Contest Rules:

- Students from 9th-12th grade are eligible to participate.
- Essays must address the question above.
- Essays must be no more than 1,000 words, typewritten, and double-spaced.
- Essays must be the student’s original work.

First Place – \$300 Cash
Second Place – \$200 Cash
Third Place – \$100 Cash

Deadline: Monday, June 1, 2020

Entries must be emailed to eeschbach@guamsupremecourt.com.

Student’s Name: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Teacher’s Email: _____

Certification of Student:

I am submitting an original essay to the Law Day 2020 Essay Contest. I certify that this essay is my own work. I understand that my essay will not be returned and may be used in activities publicizing the contest.

Signature