



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:

What does this year’s Law Week theme, “Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19th Amendment at 100” mean to you? In answering this question, include specific examples of the struggle to gain voting rights for women, as well as the connection between women’s rights and contemporary equal rights.

Contest Rules:

- Students from 6th-8th grade are eligible to participate.
- Essays must address the question above.
- Essays must be no more than 750 words, typewritten, and double-spaced.
- Essays must be the student’s original work.

First Place – \$200 Cash
Second Place – \$100 Cash
Third Place – \$50 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