



SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY – ESSEX VICINAGE

2022 LAW DAY

ART CONTEST RULES

Instructions: Thank you for your interest in the 2022 Law Day Art Contest
Please register online at <http://www.njcourts.gov/courts/vicinages/essex/lawday.html>

Theme: Toward a More Perfect Union: The Constitution in Times of Change

“The 2022 Law Day theme is “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 [Law Day \(americanbar.org\)](http://www.americanbar.org) on 8/25/2021.

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.

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

Content: The Art Contest is open to **all Essex County students**. Submissions should incorporate the Law Day 2022 theme and depict images pertaining to the theme as it relates to the court 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 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 what makes the U.S Constitution significant.

Format: Acceptable forms of submissions include:

- 1) Poster (**any size**)
- 2) Sculpture (**any size**)

Art Contest submissions may include mixed media such as magazine, newspaper, fabric, paint, marker, pencil or computer-generated images.

Judging: Submissions will be judged on the incorporation of the 2022 Law Day theme, overall presentation and originality. First place, second place, third place and honorable mention(s) may be selected. Winners will be acknowledged via email May 2022.

Identification: Include the following information for each submission:

- (1) Title of artwork (if applicable)
- (2) Student's name and mailing address
- (3) Student's grade and age
- (4) School or group name
- (5) Teacher or group coordinator name (if applicable)
- (6) Parent or guardian name, telephone number and email address.

Deadline: Submissions will be accepted **between March 15 to March 31, 2022.**

Disclaimer: All entries become the property of the Superior Court of New Jersey - Essex Vicinage. Students that submit a photo of their entry are encouraged to keep original entries until contest has concluded. Images from selected submissions may be displayed in Judiciary publications and/or website. Entries will not be used for commercial purposes.

Submissions: MAIL
Superior Court of NJ – Essex
Veterans Courthouse
50 West Market Street, Room 132,
Newark NJ 07102
Attn: Office of the Ombudsman – Law Day Contest

ELECTRONICALLY - Take a clear photo of the artwork in a well-lit area, add the information from the "Identification" section above to the body of the email and submit electronically to EssexLawDay.mbox@njcourts.gov.

DROP OFF – During office hours Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. between **3/15/22-3/31/22.**

Questions or concerns:
Email the Essex Vicinage Office of the Ombudsman at EssexLawDay.mbox@njcourts.gov
Phone (973) 776-9300 ext. 56886