



SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY – ESSEX VICINAGE

# 2022 LAW DAY

## VIDEO CONTEST RULES

**Instructions:** Thank you for your interest in the 2022 Law Day Video 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](http://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 Video Contest is open to **all grade levels**. Submissions should incorporate the 2022 Law Day theme and contain language pertaining to the theme and the court through the students’ artistic expression. Acceptable forms of submissions include a song, rap, skit or dance. Submissions should be of the students’ original work. You may refer to the essay questions from the [Writing Contest Rules](#) for suggested content. However, video submissions are not limited to the essay questions supplied.

**Format:** Submissions may be up to 5 minutes maximum. **ALL ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE TYPED LYRICS, SCRIPT AND/OR DESCRIPTION** along with a recording of the performance.

**Judging:** Submissions will be judged on content, presentation and originality.

1. Lyrics/scripts that include suggestive remarks, profanity, vulgar or inappropriate language will be disqualified.
2. Submissions from partnerships and teams as well as individuals are allowed. However, *all* participants must be identified.
3. One submission per student, partnership or team.

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 (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 are encouraged to keep copies of their entries. Excerpts from submissions may be displayed in Judiciary publications and/or website. Entries will not be used for commercial purposes.

**Submissions:** ELECTRONICALLY  
Email to [EssexLawDay.mbox@njcourts.gov](mailto:EssexLawDay.mbox@njcourts.gov). Remember to include the information from the "Identification" section above in the body of the email. Acceptable formats include a video link such as YouTube, compressed video file or other video file not more than 25MB.

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

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](mailto:EssexLawDay.mbox@njcourts.gov)  
Phone (973) 776-9300 ext. 56886