

MCBA

MERCER COUNTY

BAR ASSOCIATION

LAW ★ DAY
2021**ADVANCING THE
RULE OF LAW NOW**

2021 Law Day

Writing Contest Information

Theme:

“The rule of law is a set of principles, or ideals, for ensuring an orderly and just society. Many countries throughout the world strive to uphold the rule of law where no one is above the law, everyone is treated equally under the law, everyone is held accountable to the same laws, there are clear and fair processes for enforcing laws, there is an independent judiciary, and human rights are guaranteed for all.

The rule of law is the bedrock of American rights and liberties - in times of calm and unrest alike. The 2021 Law Day theme - Advancing the Rule of Law, Now - reminds all of us that we the people share the responsibility to promote the rule of law, defend liberty, and pursue justice.”

Excerpt from the American Bar Association Law Day website: https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/law-day/

Content:

The writing contest is open to all Mercer County middle and high school students. Students may submit an essay or poem that incorporates the 2021 Law Day theme and discuss issues pertaining to the theme and in the students’ own words. Essay content and poem should incorporate thoughtful consideration of the topic. Essays and poems will be judged on: content, adherence to the theme, personal reflection and originality.

Format:

An essay of 300– 400 words or poem of 4 to 6 stanzas. Submissions **MUST BE TYPED** and be received by 4/16/2021. Winners will be acknowledged by 5/2021. Prizes will be awarded as follows: \$250 (1) first place prize; \$150 (1) second place prize; (2) \$50 third place prizes. All essays and poems may be published and will remain the property of the MCBA.

Submissions:

Email is preferred for all submissions and can be sent to:

siraca@mercerbar.com

All entries must include:

Student’s name

Student’s grade and age

School

Teacher name