

# SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY MONMOUTH VICINAGE



## LAW DAY 2022 STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST GRADES 6-8

**What is Law Day?** Monmouth Vicinage's observance of "Law Day 2022" is part of a nationwide celebration coordinated by the American Bar Association. This year's Law Day theme is "Toward a More Perfect Union: The Constitution in Times of Change."

**ESSAY PROMPT:** U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black when discussing the U.S. Constitution said, "This great document is the unique American contribution to man's continuing search for a society in which individual liberty is secure against governmental oppression." Write an essay that describes the individual liberty(ies) that you feel are most in need of protection from governmental oppression. Discuss how the Constitution protects those liberties.

### Contest Rules:

- The contest is open to grades **6 through 8**.
- **EACH SCHOOL IS LIMITED TO 10 ENTRIES PER GRADE.**
- The essay must clearly address the topic and cannot exceed 300 words.
- Only original essays can be submitted. Essays must be typed in Microsoft Word and submitted via email to [MonLawDay.Mailbox@njcourts.gov](mailto:MonLawDay.Mailbox@njcourts.gov).
- Submissions must include the student's name, grade, school, teacher's name and email.

**DEADLINE:** Essays must be received by April 22, 2022.

### PHYSICAL SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Submit essays by email to

[MonLawDay.Mailbox@njcourts.gov](mailto:MonLawDay.Mailbox@njcourts.gov)

For more information contact: (732) 358-8700 x87251.

### HONORING THE WRITERS:

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Winners from each group will be chosen.

All winners will:

- Be honored by Monmouth Vicinage.
- Receive a recognition plaque.
- Receive a gift card.
- Be asked to consent to publication of their entries on the Monmouth Vicinage Law Day website.

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