

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY MONMOUTH VICINAGE



LAW DAY 2022 STUDENT POETRY CONTEST GRADES 9-12

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.”

POETRY/RAP TOPIC: Read “Freedom’s Plow” by Langston Hughes, a narrative poem which reflects on the Declaration of Independence. Write a narrative poem that expresses your deepest thoughts on the U.S. Constitution. Try to include language from the Constitution.

Contest Rules:

- The contest is open to grades 9 through 12.
- **EACH SCHOOL IS LIMITED TO 10 ENTRIES PER GRADE.**
- The poem must clearly address the topic and cannot exceed 2 pages.
- The poem must be the student’s original work.
- Poems must be typed in Microsoft Word format and submitted via email.
- 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

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

HONORING THE WRITERS:

1st – 3rd 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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