



SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY – ESSEX VICINAGE

2023 LAW DAY

VIDEO CONTEST RULES

Instructions:

Thank you for your interest in the 2023 Law Day Video Contest.
Please register online at <https://www.njcourts.gov/essex-law-day>.

Theme:

Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility and Collaboration

"In recent years, tensions in our democratic system have revealed deep divisions in American society. These divisions are aggravated by incivility in public discourse and insufficient understanding among many people about the Constitution and the way American government works. Together, however, we can collaborate to overcome our differences, resolve our disputes, and preserve our democracy and republic. To that end, we call on members of the legal profession to lead the way in promoting civics, civility, and collaboration—the cornerstones of our democracy.

The above information was retrieved from the American Bar Association website [Law Day \(americanbar.org\)](https://www.americanbar.org).

Resources:

Teachers, coordinators, or students may visit the following websites to obtain additional information regarding the 2023 Law Day theme. These resources and instructional guidance will aid students in gaining an understanding to why civics education is essential, learning how the government works, understanding the structures of government, our roles as citizens and the processes of legislation.

- ABA Cornerstones of Democracy Conversation Guide
https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/public_education/Lawday/2023/ccc-program-book-final.pdf
- <https://civiced.rutgers.edu/>
- <https://ourwhitehouse.org/civic-education-websites/>
- <https://njsbf.org/publications/>

Content:

The Video Contest is open to **all grade levels**. Submissions should incorporate the 2023 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 suggested.

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 offensive language or imagery 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 at an awards ceremony in May 2023.

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, 2023.**

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.Mbx@njcourts.gov. Remember to include the information from the "Identification" section above in the video and or the body of the email submission. Acceptable formats include a video link such as YouTube, compressed video file or other video file not more than 25MB.

MAIL to the address listed below. For bulk submissions please include a copy of registration form.

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 the dates of **March 15 to March 31, 2023** at the address listed above.

Questions or concerns:

Email the Essex Vicinage Office of the Ombudsman at EssexLawDay.Mbx@njcourts.gov or call (973) 776-9300 ext. 56886 during office hours.