



42nd Annual Essay Contest

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FOR: York County Students – 9th through 12th grades

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TOPICS: Pick ONE topic – MAXIMUM LENGTH 500

1. The United States is about to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment. How has women's suffrage impacted our state, local, and federal political landscapes?
2. If you could amend one portion of the United States Constitution, what would you add, delete, or change and why?
3. What differences would you expect to see in our political candidates' focus if the voting age were lowered to 16? Why would you encourage or discourage such a change?

BASIS FOR JUDGING: *The essays will be reviewed for logic, originality, thoughtfulness and writing style, not for specific knowledge of the related law.*

DUE DATE: **ESSAYS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:00 PM FRIDAY, March 13, 2020** at the York County Bar Center, 137 E. Market St., York, PA 17401.

COVER PAGE: *The cover page must include your NAME, GRADE, SCHOOL, SPONSORING TEACHER'S NAME & EMAIL and THE ESSAY TOPIC CHOSEN.*

PRIZES:

First Place	-	\$300 Amazon Gift Card
Second Place	-	\$200 Amazon Gift Card
Third Place	-	\$100 Amazon Gift Card

All winners, along with their parents and sponsoring teachers will be invited to attend the York County Bar Foundation's Law Day Luncheon Thursday, April 30, 2020 at the Valencia Ballroom where they will receive their prizes and a personalized certificate of recognition.

ABOUT LAW DAY

Law Day was established by Presidential Proclamation in 1958 and is observed on May 1st throughout the United States. The theme for the American Bar Association's 2019 celebration is "Your Vote • Your Voice • Our Democracy: The 19th Amendment at 100."