# LAW DAY ESSAY CONTEST 2024

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**Voices of Democracy** 

### **LAW DAY THEME**

The Voices of Democracy Law Day theme encourages Americans to participate in the 2024 elections by deepening their understanding of the electoral process; discussing issues in honest and civil ways; turning out to vote; and, finally, helping to move the country forward after free and fair elections.

# YOUR TASK (MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS)

The Colorado Bar Association recognizes Law Day through its civics education essay contest. Youth are invited to share their thoughts about a particular topic related to the courts and U.S. government.

- Write an essay that fits the prompt and ties in the theme of Law Day.
- All essays must be submitted through our essay submission form by March 1, 2024.
- Winner will be announced on Law Day, May 1, 2024.
- Winners will be published in the Colorado Lawyer May edition.
- All winners will receive a copy of the publication.
- Please include any documentation of research in a works sited page.

This year, we pose the following questions/prompts:



# Middle School Contest (6th-8th grade students)

What is democracy? How do Americans get to use their voices in our democracy? 500 words



# **High School Contest (9th-12th grade students)**

What is freedom of speech? Write about a specific speech in US history when a person used their voice to effect change.

1000 words

