

# Law Day Contests

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## Law Day U.S.A.

was established in 1958 by President Eisenhower to strengthen our great heritage of liberty, justice and equality under the law.

All contest winners, parents, teachers, and friends are invited to attend the public **Law Day Celebration** on May 1 at 6pm at the Courthouse

## Contest Deadline

Entries must be received at 119 S. College St., Washington, PA 15301 or to [kathy@washcobar.org](mailto:kathy@washcobar.org) no later than **4pm, April 21, 2025.**

*WCBA not responsible for late, misdirected, incomplete, or illegible entries, or incorrectly addressed or undelivered, undeliverable, or postage-due mail.*

## Contest Guidelines ALL CONTESTS

**ALL entries must include entrant name, grade, school and contact EMAIL for the teacher, parent, or student.** School-submitted entries must also include school mailing address and **teacher's email.**

**Entry must have been created without the use of any A.I. assistance and solely by entrant(s), who must own all rights to reproduce and/or publish entry in any medium without restriction.** Use of images and/or pictures/graphics from other/copyrighted media is strictly prohibited, and submissions containing such will be disqualified.

An entry cannot be submitted to more than one contest category, and entrant(s) cannot submit more than one entry per contest category.

## Contest Judging

Prizes awarded for those entries that are, in relation to all received, the most effective in expressing the Law Day theme and on their quality, originality, and creativity. Judges' decisions are final. Sponsors reserve the right to limit or expand prizes depending on the #/quality of submissions received.

Any entry that includes any type of foul or vulgar language or pictures/graphics will be disqualified. Any submission that in any way contains or promotes words or pictures/graphics promoting discrimination based on race, gender, sex, religion, national origin, disability, political affiliation, or age will be disqualified. Entries should not promote a political party, political candidate, or partisan political affiliation; any entries that do will be disqualified.

Sponsors reserve right to display/reproduce entries in Law Day promotions.

Contact WCBA to schedule an in-classroom speaker, "I Signed the Constitution!" or "Time to Adult! Turning 18: Legal Issues in the Real World" program.

# 2025 National Law Day Theme

This year's national Law Day theme is "The Constitution's Promise: Out of Many, One." A government's purpose is to serve its citizens, and "We the People" are the bedrock of that government. As Americans, our Constitutional civic duties such as voting, obeying laws, paying taxes, and jury duty, bring us together as one nation. "E Pluribus Unum," Latin for "Out of Many, One," is emblazoned on the Great Seal of the U.S., representing the 13 original colonies uniting as one nation. As written 238 years ago, does the Constitution still fulfill its promise of "We the People"? What does "Out of Many, One" mean to you today as an American?

## Grades 2-5 Bookmark Contest

**Format:** Size 8.5 inches by 2.75 inches (tip: fold letter-size paper into fourths). Art must be hand-drawn, may be vertical or horizontal, and must be **only** on one side with complete entrant info clearly printed on the back. Use any one-dimensional medium (pencil, ink, crayon, paint, etc.); do **not** attach 2-D items (tassels, buttons, etc.). Neatness, spelling, theme, and creativity considered.

**Prizes:** \$50 ~ First place  
\$40 ~ Second Place  
\$30 ~ Third Place  
\$25 ~ Fourth Place  
\$20 ~ Fifth Place  
\$15 ~ Sixth Place

## Citizenship Project Contest

*Eligibility: projects that promote democracy, human rights, the law, or responsibilities and roles of citizens (such as voting, jury duty).*

**Format:** Entry must include a 250-300 word description of the project, which must have been conducted at least in part within the past 18 months; cover sheet with project name; and names, ages, addresses of all eligible participants and/or entities. Attach photos and supporting documents (**5 pgs max**). If project was conducted through a school/college or other organization, a letter of support from that entity must be attached and include info about project's impact and results. Entrant(s) must include Washington Co. residents or group consisting primarily of Wash. Co. residents, or an organization with its primary office address in Washington Co. **Prize:** \$250 to winner's charity (501c3 non-profit) of choice.

Explore the theme: [lawday.org](http://lawday.org)

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## Grades 9-12 **NEW!** Billboard Contest

**Format:** All submissions must be one-sided, 6 inches high by 12 inches wide in **landscape** orientation. Submissions must make full use of the space and shall be created **by hand** (not computer generated) using colored markers on plain white paper. Submissions may include **hand-drawn** pictures/graphics, words, symbols, numbers, or other characters that reflect the theme. Do not staple, tape, or glue anything on to the paper; do not laminate.

**Prizes:** \$200 ~ First Place  
\$150 ~ Second Place  
\$100 ~ Third Place

**Note:** group entries permitted (prize money split). First place entry may be displayed on an area billboard, as well as in other Law Day promotions.

## Grades 6-12 Editorial Essay Contest

**Format:** 500-word (max.), **editorial-style essay with a clear point-of-view/OPINION about an issue related to the law day theme**), typed, single-spaced, one page. NO COVER SHEET. Top of page MUST include **word count** as well as entrant name, grade, school, and **email** of entrant, parent, or teacher. Style, content, grammar, spelling, and punctuation considered, as well as originality (no A.I!), creativity, and relevance to theme.

**Prizes:** \$200 ~ First Place  
\$150 ~ Second Place  
\$100 ~ Third Place

**Note:** Submit essays by email to [kathy@washcobar.org](mailto:kathy@washcobar.org). First place entry may appear in op-ed pages of Observer-Reporter newspaper.

## Grades 6-12 Creative Arts Contest

**Format:** Visual, electronic and creative arts including painting, collage, fabric, photography, sculpture, film/video, poetry, song, etc.; **no powerpoints** unless there is a creative/artistic component. Entry **must** include **descriptive title** and 140-word (max.) written statement of entry's relevance to the law day theme.

**Prizes:** \$200 ~ First Place  
\$150 ~ Second Place  
\$100 ~ Third Place

**Note:** group entries permitted (prize money split). Submit video/electronic entries on USB drive in a standard format (.mov, .wmv, .mpg) or by link to an online file to [kathy@washcobar.org](mailto:kathy@washcobar.org), and include entry's title and written statement in body of email.

**Non-electronic entries should be delivered to 119 S. College St., Washington, PA by the deadline.**

## Grades 6-12/Adults Peeps Diorama Contest



**Format:** Create a box diorama using Peeps treats as characters plus other 2-D and 3-D elements. **May use any size box to "frame"/contain diorama within 5 "walls" (top, bottom, sides, back), but entry must be represented in ONE unaltered photo (no digital editing).**

Entry **must** include **descriptive title** and 140-word (max.) written statement of entry's relevance to law day theme.

**Prizes** (Gr. 6-12): \$200 ~ 1st Place  
\$150 ~ 2nd Place  
\$100 ~ 3rd Place

**Prizes** (Adults; groups that incl. at least 1 adult): \$200 to winner's charity of choice

**Note:** group entries permitted (prize money split). **Email one unaltered photo** of entry (.jpg format), to [kathy@washcobar.org](mailto:kathy@washcobar.org) (**include title/description in body of email**). Committee may ask to display exceptionally well-done entries.