



SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY – ESSEX VICINAGE

2024 LAW DAY

VIDEO CONTEST RULES

Instructions:

Thank you for your interest in the 2024 Law Day Video Contest.

Please register online at <https://www.njcourts.gov/essex-law-day>.

“Voices of Democracy”

Theme:

“The 2024 Law Day theme “Voices of Democracy” recognizes that in democracies, the people rule. For nearly 250 years, Americans have expressed their political views and wishes by speaking their minds and voting in elections. In 2024, the United States will hold its 60th presidential election, and Americans will address fundamental questions about democracy and the rule of law.

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. In this way, Americans ensure that our government remains responsive to the wishes of the people. We invite all Americans to join us on May 1, 2024, to celebrate Law Day by lifting their voices to strengthen our democracy.”

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

Resources:

Teachers, coordinators, or students may visit the following websites to obtain additional information regarding the 2024 Law Day theme. These resources and instructional guidance will aid students in gaining an understanding about the roles of citizens in the democratic process. How voting allows citizens to express their voice, influence policy, hold leaders accountable, protect their rights and promote change.

- ABA 2024 Law Day Guide at [Law Day \(americanbar.org\)](http://www.americanbar.org)
- www.constitutioncenter.org
- <https://www.learningforjustice.org/moment/voting-elections>
- <https://njsbf.org/publications/>

Content:

The Video Contest is open to **all grade levels**. Submissions should incorporate the 2024 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. Scripts that are found to have utilized content generated by Artificial Intelligence (AI) may be disqualified.

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 2024.

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 1 to March 15, 2024.**

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.

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 1 to March 15, 2024** 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.