



## SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY – ESSEX VICINAGE

# 2025 LAW DAY

## VIDEO CONTEST RULES

**Instructions:** Thank you for your interest in the 2025 Law Day Video Contest. Please register online at <https://www.njcourts.gov/essex-law-day>.

The Constitution's Promise: Out of Many, One

**Theme:** “The Constitution enshrines our collective responsibility to one another, and the 2025 Law Day themes urges us to take pride in a Constitution that bridges our differences to bring us together as united nation. Our civic lives tie us together as one “We,” whether through legislative efforts that serve the common good, through military service, or by working together, every day, to fulfill the promise of E pluribus unum, or Out of many, one. The Constitution boldly asserts “We the People, in Order to Form a More Perfect Union,” and on this Law Day, we explore and renew our obligations to one another under the Constitution and our democratic norms. The Constitution establishes a framework for government that provides limits and guardrails, including our representative government, jury service, and a regular Census. And through this commitment to unity, we all provide for the common good through government responses to national responses to crises and natural disasters, and through community and advocacy programs for students and adults.”  
*The above information was retrieved from the American Bar Association 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 2025 Law Day theme. These resources and instructional guidance will encourage students to reflect on the Constitution’s role in promoting unity and justice, while also addressing the challenges that diversity presents in a democratic society. It invites exploration of how the U.S. Constitution serves as a unifying force for the diverse population of the United States, emphasizing equality, liberty, and justice.

- ABA 2025 Law Day Guide at [Law Day \(americanbar.org\)](http://www.americanbar.org)
- [bensguide.gpo.gov](http://bensguide.gpo.gov)
- [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)
- <https://www.pbslearningmedia.org>
- <https://www.icivics.org>

**Content:** The Video Contest is open to **all grade levels**. Submissions should incorporate the 2025 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. Paraphrases, quotes and AI resources must contain references or proper citation. Plagiarism is defined as using someone else's work without giving them proper credit. Submissions that are identified as such will immediately 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 2025.

**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 February 24 to March 14, 2025**.

**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](mailto: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:**

Superior Court of NJ – Essex  
Veterans Courthouse  
50 West Market Street, Room 132  
Newark NJ 07102  
Attn: Ombudsman’s Office – Law Day Contest

**DROP OFF** – During office hours Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the address listed above, between **February 24 to March 14, 2025.**

**Questions or concerns:**

Contact the Essex Vicinage Ombudsman’s Office

**Email:** [EssexLawDay.Mbx@njcourts.gov](mailto:EssexLawDay.Mbx@njcourts.gov)

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