In 1958, President Eisenhower promulgated the first Law Day, U.S.A. as “a day of national dedication to the principles of government under law.” Every year since, the President has officially promulgated Law Day as a celebration of our commitment to the rule of law, “an occasion for rededication to the ideals of equality and justice under the law.” That great commitment is enshrined in the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution, and has been reaffirmed by the words and deeds of great Americans throughout our Nation’s history.

The North Carolina Bar Association and its Young Lawyers Division, through a formal proclamation by the Governor of North Carolina, celebrate Law Day on the first Friday in May.

The Law Day Poster Art Contest

Intended to be a fun and challenging experience, the Law Day Poster Art Contest offers an opportunity for North Carolina students in third through fifth grades and their respective schools to participate in Law Day and potentially earn rewards in recognition of their efforts.

Enclosed is the 2020 Poster Art Contest Packet, with a detailed description of the contest, eligibility and contest rules.

CONTEST AWARDS

Two prizes will be awarded in each category during the Law Week Ceremony in Raleigh on Friday, May 1, 2020.

First Prize:
A plaque of recognition and $400 to the school

Second Prize:
A plaque of recognition and $250 to the school
The Law Day 2020 theme is “Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19th Amendment at 100.” In 2019-2020, the United States is commemorating the centennial of the transformative constitutional amendment that guaranteed the right of citizens to vote would not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex. American women fought for, and won, the vote through their voice and action.

The women’s suffrage movement forever changed America, expanding representative democracy and inspiring other popular movements for constitutional change and reform. Yet, honest reflection on the suffrage movement reveals complexity and tensions over race and class that remain part of the ongoing story of the Nineteenth Amendment and its legacies.

**Contest Theme**

![Law Day 2020 Theme](image)

**Contest Rules**

1. Posters must be made entirely by the contestant.
2. Physical entries should be no smaller than 8 ½ inches by 11 inches and no larger than 14 inches by 22 inches. Participants are free to use paints, magic markers, colored pencils, or any other medium that is suitable for mailing.
3. Computer generated posters designed by contestants are an alternative to physical posters. Digital entries must be submitted via email.
4. Unless otherwise indicated, each entry must have the following information attached on the back of the poster or included in the email of a digital submission in order to be considered:
   (a) Student’s full name;
   (b) School name, address and phone number;
   (c) Submitting teacher’s name;
   (d) Student’s home address a parent’s email address and phone number; and
   (e) Student’s grade level and age.
5. Judges will be chosen by the Young Lawyers Division, and each poster will be reviewed comparatively with the other posters submitted. Judges will look for posters that show creativity, imagination, and thoughtfulness.
6. All entries become the property of the Young Lawyers Division of the North Carolina Bar Association. The first, second and third place posters will be returned to these three contestants on May 4, 2018, at the Law Day Awards Ceremony. **All other entries can be returned only if a self-addressed, postage paid envelope is submitted with the entry.** The envelope must be of **adequate size** to hold the poster(s) to be returned.