

MEDINA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION LAW DAY 2014 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



The Medina County Bar Association is pleased to announce its 2014 Law Day Scholarship Contest. A \$4,000.00 one-time scholarship is available to one high school senior, residing in Medina County, Ohio, who writes an outstanding essay on the theme of Law Day 2014.

This year's theme is "American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters". One of our most cherished national ideals, expressed eloquently by Abraham Lincoln, is "government of the people, by the people, for the people." It is a principle enshrined in our Nation's founding documents, from the Declaration of Independence's assurance that governments derive their powers from the consent of the governed, to the opening three words of the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution, "We the People."

As we approach the 50th anniversaries of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the 2014 Law Day theme, American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters, calls on every American to reflect on the importance of a citizen's right to vote and the challenges we still face in ensuring that all Americans have the opportunity to participate in our democracy.

Much of the struggle on voting rights began decades ago, but the work is far from complete, and a citizen's right to cast a ballot remains at risk today. In light of the importance of the people's right to vote in our Nation's history, applicants are asked to choose one of the following two prompts to answer for the essay competition:

1. Consider the first two ideals expressed in Lincoln's quote that we as a nation be a "government of the people, by the people". What are three things we can do, either as individuals or as a nation, to further these two ideals in the hearts and minds of our Nation's future leaders?

2. Consider the latter ideal expressed in Lincoln's quote that we as a nation be a government "for the people". What are three things we can do, either as individuals or as a Nation, to promote an engaged and responsible citizenry for the generations to come?

RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. The essay must be approximately, but not longer than, three pages, typewritten, double-spaced, in a font which is no bigger than 12-point, but no smaller than 10-point. It shall be accompanied by a completed Scholarship Application. The student's name shall not be affixed to the essay, but the scholarship application (with student's name) should be stapled to the essay. **The essay and application must be received by the Medina County Bar Association, 93 Public Square, Medina, Ohio 44256 (the Common Pleas Courthouse on the Square) by 4:00 p.m., April 16, 2014.** Questions should be directed to Jared Hoover at 330-725-6666, or via email (jhoover@wblawmedina.com).
2. All essays and applications will become the property of the Medina County Bar Association, which reserves the right to publish and distribute the winning essay to its members and others. Essays and related application material will not be returned to applicants. No plagiarism shall be allowed.
3. Each applicant must reside in Medina County, Ohio but does not need to attend a high school located in Medina County.
4. One winner shall be selected from all entries. That winner will receive a one-time cash award of \$4,000.00, paid directly to the college, university or other post-secondary educational institution he or she will attend in the fall of 2014.
5. The winner will also be invited to be the Bar Association's guest at the Medina County Law Day luncheon on May 16, 2014, at the Weymouth Country Club.

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Student's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Parents: _____

High School: _____

College/University/Other Post Secondary Educational Institution attending
in fall of 2014: _____

Major or area of study, if known: _____

High School, Extracurricular and Community Activities:
