

# 2020 Law Day Essay Contest

## Rules and Information

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- SPONSORS:** Missouri National Education Association & Missouri Bar Young Lawyers' Section
- ESSAY PROMPTS:**
- Grades 9-12:** The Nineteenth Amendment, giving women the right to vote, represented a revolutionary change in our constitutional system.
- What was it about the Nineteenth Amendment that constituted such a change?
  - Do you believe the addition of the Nineteenth Amendment to our Constitution brought substantial change to American society?
  - In your view, what additional changes should occur in our society to fulfill the promise of the Nineteenth Amendment?
- Grades 4-8:** Before the Nineteenth Amendment was added to the Constitution, only men could vote. The Nineteenth Amendment gave the right to vote to women also.
- Changes like the Nineteenth Amendment give more people the right to vote. Yet, some people choose not to vote. Why is that true? What changes would you suggest to encourage more people to exercise their right to vote?
- ELIGIBILITY:** Students compete in three categories: grades 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12.
- CRITERIA:** Entries must be 700 words or less and typed or handwritten in ink. Include completed cover sheet. The information requested should appear on the cover sheet only. **Do not include your name on the essay.** Entries will be judged on accuracy of information, clarity of expression, content and originality.
- DEADLINE:** Please mail essay packet(s) to **Missouri NEA, Attn: David Hope, 955 Gardenview Office Parkway, St. Louis, MO 63141.** All entries must be postmarked by **Monday, Feb. 3, 2020**, or they will be disqualified.
- PRIZES:** Three winners will be determined in each grade level. First prize is a \$300 U.S. Savings Bond, second a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond and third a \$150 U.S. Savings Bond.
- Missouri NEA will post the names of the winners by April 3 at [www.mnea.org](http://www.mnea.org). State-level awards will be presented in April at a banquet in Jefferson City. The Missouri Bar will notify winning essay writers and include information about the awards event once the Missouri Bar determines the final winners.
- CONTEST MATERIALS:** Visit [www.mnea.org/lawdayessay](http://www.mnea.org/lawdayessay).

*Please make copies of this form, the Law Day Essay Contest cover sheet and the flyer to distribute to teachers in your school.*

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Local coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

## Essay Prompts

**Grades 9-12:** The Nineteenth Amendment, giving women the right to vote, represented a revolutionary change in our constitutional system.

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### Prizes

\$300, \$200, and \$150

Grades 9-12

### Competition Categories

Grades 4-5

Grades 6-8

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**Please post this flyer.**



# 2020 Law Day Essay Contest Cover Sheet

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A copy of this sheet must accompany each essay submitted in the 2020 Law Day Essay Contest. All of the information on this sheet must be completed and must not appear on the essay, including your name.

Please **PRINT** all information in black ink.

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Grade Category:     Grades 4-5     Grades 6-8     Grades 9-12

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street/P.O. Box)                      (City)                      (State)                      (Zip)

Student's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ School district: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

School address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street/P.O. Box)                      (City)                      (State)                      (Zip)

Student's teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's phone number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell)    (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (home)

Teacher's email: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's (or parent's) signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of words: \_\_\_\_\_ (limited to 700)

**Please note that essays will not be returned.**

**A copy of this sheet must be attached to each essay entry.**

