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BUCKS COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION CIVICS PROGRAM

LAW DAY 2026 CONTESTS



Poster Contest

- Grades 4 - 6
- Grades 7 - 9
- Grades 10 - 12



Essay Contest

- Grades 4 - 6
- Grades 7 - 9
- Grades 10 - 12



Photography Contest

**new this year!*

- Grades 7 - 9
- Grades 10 - 12

**“ THE RULE OF LAW AND THE
AMERICAN DREAM ”**



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“ THE RULE OF LAW AND THE AMERICAN DREAM ”



The 2026 Law Day theme is “**The Rule of Law and the American Dream.**” The rule of law—the idea that no person is above the law—is what ensures the rights of the people to live their lives as freely as possible and to pursue their dreams. The ABA encourages all Americans to recognize Law Day on May 1, 2026, and to reflect on how the rule of law ensures all Americans have the ability to fulfill their dreams.

For more information, visit

https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/law-day

This year, Law Day is especially significant. On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate and celebrate the **250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.** The journey toward this historic milestone is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation’s past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond.




For more information, visit america250.org/americas-250th



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LAW DAY 2026 POSTER CONTEST

THE RULE OF
LAW AND THE
AMERICAN
DREAM

-  **WHO:** Any student in Bucks County in grades 4 - 12
-  **WHEN:** January 5 - March 30, 2026
-  **WHERE:** Please mail original copies of all entries to 135 E. State St., Doylestown, PA 18901

Winners from 3 categories (grades 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12) will be chosen & invited to attend an Awards Ceremony & Reception with their families. Winners will also receive a gift card to the Doylestown Bookshop!

The Bucks County Bar Foundation will display and publish winning posters at buckscountycivics.org



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LAW DAY 2026 POSTER CONTEST

Poster may be on any type of white or colored paper but must be no larger than 12 x 14. Picture may be illustrated either vertically or horizontally.

The poster must be the exclusive work of the student entering the contest and may be done at school or at home.

Any medium that will pass through a scanner/photocopy machine without issues is acceptable.

- YES: colored pencils, pens, markers, bleed proof watercolor paints, crayons, and/or photography
- NO: glitter, acrylic paint or spray paint, wax, or anything glued/adhered or any stickers

Posters must represent: The Rule of Law and the American Dream.

Please contact us at info@bucksbar.org or 215-348-9413 with any questions.

The Bucks County Bar Foundation reserves the right to use and reproduce the winning posters.

Submissions must contain the following information on the back of the poster, either typed or clearly handwritten:

- Student's first & last name
- School and grade
- Teacher or parent name, email address, and phone number

Any entries that do not follow the above guidelines may be disqualified.






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ESSAY CONTEST

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LAW DAY 2026 ESSAY CONTEST

The essay must be typed onto standard 8 1/2 x 11 copy paper, and at least 250 words.

The essay must be the exclusive work of the student entering the contest and may be done at school or at home. Essays composed using Artificial Intelligence will be disqualified.

Judging will be based on content, clarity of expression, and originality.

Essays must represent: The Rule of Law and the American Dream.

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LAW DAY 2026

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

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WHO: Any student in Bucks County in grades 7 - 12



WHEN: January 5 - March 30, 2026



WHERE: Please email all entries to info@bucksbar.org

Winners from 2 categories (grades 7-9 and 10-12) will be chosen & invited to attend an Awards Ceremony & Reception with their families. Winners will also receive a gift card to the Doylestown Bookshop!

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LAW DAY 2026 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Only 1 photograph per student. The photo must be the exclusive work of the student entering the contest.

Photos should be submitted in jpeg format, sized either 5x7 or 8x10. Photos can be either black & white or color.

Photographs must represent: The Rule of Law and the American Dream.

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