

2010 Law Day Essay Contest

Justice Parker Lee McDonald Law Library
and the Highlands County Bar Association



WHO MAY ENTER: Any individual student enrolled in a Highlands County public, private, or home school in Grade levels K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12, in Highlands County. First, second and third place winners will receive gold, silver, or bronze Olympic Style Medals, and be recognized at Law Day's televised award ceremony at the Highlands County Government Center.

DEADLINE DATE: Completed essays must be delivered to the Law Library by
FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2010, at 5:00 P.M.

Entries may be turned in any time during the year, but will not be judged until after the delivery deadline.

ESSAY SPECIFICATIONS: This year's theme is:

"FREE SPEECH: TRADITION AND TECHNOLOGY"

- Parents and teachers may find suggested grade level topics posted at the Law Day site after January 1st. (Please note that our title differs from the National contest.)
- Essays must be typed and double-spaced on one side of 8 ½ x 11" paper. (Elementary entries may be hand written.)
- All entries must be original work. If you are quoting someone, please give proper credit.
- **A completed registration form must accompany each essay. Do not put your name or any other personal information on any page of your essay.**
- All essays may be published and will remain the property of the Justice Parker Lee McDonald Law Library.

JUDGING: The age of the participant will be considered. Essays will be judged on:

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| · Content | Adherence to the theme |
| · Personal reflection | Originality |

The Law Day Committee welcomes all entries that relate to the contest theme. However, the Committee reserves, within its discretion, the right to disqualify any entry that is deemed to be offensive or not related to the theme of the contest.

Note: Student or teachers may find information on Law Day at the American Bar Association site: www.lawday.org, but please be aware that the contest rules for Highlands County are not the same as the National Contests.

(Contest forms & photos from previous programs can be seen at:
www.imageevent.com/highlands)

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