

MEDINA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
LAW DAY 2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



The Medina County Bar Association is pleased to announce its 2018 Law Day Scholarship Contest. A \$5,000.00 one-time scholarship is available to one high school senior, residing in Medina County, Ohio, who writes an outstanding essay on the theme for Law Day 2018.

The American Bar Association Law Day theme for 2018 is “Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom”

The U.S. Constitution sets out a system of government with distinct and independent branches—Congress, the Presidency, and a Supreme Court. It also defines legislative, executive, and judicial powers and outlines how they interact. These three separate branches share power, and each branch serves as a check on the power of the others. “Ambition must be made to counteract ambition,” James Madison explained in Federalist 51. Why? Madison believed that the Constitution’s principles of separation of powers and checks and balances preserve political liberty. They provide a framework for freedom. Yet, this framework is not self-executing. We the people must continually act to ensure that our constitutional democracy endures, preserving our liberties and advancing our rights. The Law Day 2018 theme enables us to reflect on the separation of powers as fundamental to our constitutional purpose and to consider how our governmental system is working for ourselves and our posterity.

Explain why the separation of powers in the U.S. Constitution is important to preserving freedom.

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 at 93 Public Square, Medina, Ohio 44256 (the Common Pleas Courthouse on the Square) or by email to Monica Russell at russell@ccj.com by 4:00 p.m., April 1, 2018.** Questions should be directed to Monica Russell at 330-723-6404 or russell@ccj.com. The Medina County Bar Association reserves the right to extend this application deadline in its sole discretion.
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 be a senior in high school and 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 \$5,000.00, paid directly to the college, university or other post-secondary educational institution he or she will attend in the fall of 2018.
5. The winner will also be invited to be the Medina County Bar Association's guest at the Medina County Law Day luncheon on May 4, 2018, 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 2018: _____

Major or area of study, if known: _____

High School, Extracurricular and Community Activities:

