LAW MONTH 2024 ESSAY CONTEST
GRADES 9-12

In recognition of Law Month, the Judiciary of Guam, District Court of Guam, and the Guam Bar Association are sponsoring an Essay Contest to allow students to recognize the importance of law in our society.

Voices of Democracy

The 2024 Law Month theme "*Voices of Democracy*" recognizes that in democracies, the people rule. For nearly 250 years, Americans have expressed their political views and wishes by speaking their minds and voting in elections. In this way, Americans ensure that our government remains responsive to the wishes of the people.

TO ENTER, STUDENTS MUST WRITE AN ESSAY ADDRESSING THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

The minimum voting age in Guam is 18 years old. However, even when they are too young to vote, young people have found meaningful ways to engage in the political sphere. Explore the role of youth activism in promoting democracy and the rule of law. Consider questions like: How can young people influence policy and create positive change in their communities? What issues do young people care most about in this upcoming election? Why is it important that young people are educated on politics and the electoral process? Why is it important for young people to exercise their right to vote once they reach voting age?

CONTEST RULES

- Students from 9th-12th grade are eligible to participate
- Essays must address the question above
- Essays must be no more than 1,000 words, typewritten, and double-spaced
- Essays must be the student's original work

Awesome Prizes for the top 3 essays!
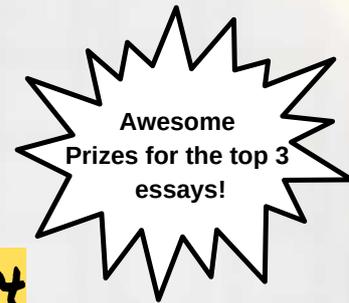
DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024

Entries must be emailed to eeschbach@guamcourts.gov or delivered to the Supreme Court of Guam, 3rd Floor, Guam Judicial Center.

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Student's Name:_____

School:_____

Grade:_____

Teacher:_____

Teacher's Email:_____

Certification of Student:

I am submitting an original essay to the Law Month 2024 Essay Contest. I certify that this essay is my own work. I understand that my essay will not be returned and may be used in activities publicizing the contest.

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Signature