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NORTHWEST FLORIDA PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

**TO: ALL ESCAMBIA & SANTA ROSA HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELORS AND TEACHERS WITH AN INTEREST IN GOVERNMENT, LEGAL STUDIES, POLITICAL SCIENCE, PUBLIC SERVICE AND/OR CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**RE: 2019 Law Day Essay Contest**

Dear Guidance Counselors & Teachers:

The Northwest Florida Paralegal Association, Inc. and Escambia-Santa Rosa Bar Association are pleased to present the annual Law Day Essay Contest for 2019 for all high school students of Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.

Enclosed please find our contest details. We hope that you will transmit this contest to any and all high school students who have expressed interest or talent in legal studies, political science, public service, and/or criminal justice. We are excited to receive and review the submissions of our community's talented youth.

This year's contest is open to **all high school students**. Our contest presents the winners with an opportunity to dine and network with dignitaries and esteemed members of the legal, governmental, and public service communities, in addition to the monetary prizes.

Descriptions of the essay contest guidelines, requirements, and prizes are provided on the enclosed flyer, along with a link to access the 2019 Law Day materials and resources.

**PLEASE POST THESE MATERIALS ON YOUR SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARDS, SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBPAGES, NEWSLETTERS, ETC. TO ENCOURAGE GREATER STUDENT AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION.**

Questions or concerns can be directed to [nala@nwfpa.com](mailto:nala@nwfpa.com).

Thank you in advance for your interest and participation.

Sincerely,

NWFPA Law Day Team

Enclosures/Attachments



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*The Northwest Florida Paralegal Association, Inc.  
and the Escambia-Santa Rosa Bar Association present:*

## **2019 LAW DAY ESSAY CONTEST**



*“The 2019 Law Day theme—Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society—focuses on these cornerstones of representative government and calls on us to understand and protect these rights to ensure, as the U.S. Constitution proposes, ‘the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity.’ In the United States and around the world, freedom of speech and the press are among the most important foundations for a free society. Free speech and free press are prominent topics in public discourse and litigation. It is impossible to imagine a free society without these individual liberties, yet historical and current debates surrounding them continually challenge us to consider their boundaries and resilience. Changes in technology have reshaped how free speech and free press work in the everyday world.”*

**All Area High School Students Are Encouraged To Participate!**

### **2019 Law Day Essay Prompt**

*What is the impact of social media on the protections guaranteed by the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment?  
Discuss in detail the impact on individual free speech and free press.*

## CONTEST RULES:

1. Minimum of **750 words but no more than 1250 words**, double spaced, and conforming to Times New Roman font size 12, with a one-inch margin on all sides.
2. Minimum of one primary source and two secondary sources. Primary source should be in addition to the U.S. Constitution. All references and sources must be cited appropriately.
3. The **2019 Law Day Essay Contest Cover Sheet** completed in its entirety and attached to the front of the student's essay.
4. Submit by e-mail in PDF or MS Word format to [nala@nwfpa.com](mailto:nala@nwfpa.com) with subject reference: 2019 Law Week Essay Contest.
5. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: **MONDAY, May 6, 2019.**

## JUDGING CRITERIA

Critical Thinking  
Historical Accuracy  
Argument Development  
Originality  
Grammar  
Punctuation  
Structure  
Format

## AWARDS

- **First Place:** \$300.00 to the student and \$150.00 to the student's sponsoring teacher.
- **Second Place:** \$200.00 to the student.
- **Third Place:** \$100.00 to the student.
  - The author of the winning essay will be honored at the 2019 Law Day Luncheon, scheduled for Friday, May 17, 2019, at The Pensacola Grand Hotel, during which the winning essay will be published and provided to all attendees.
  - The author of the winning essay, their sponsoring teacher, and their parent(s) will be invited to attend the Law Day Luncheon as guests.
  - The winning essay will be published in the Escambia-Santa Rosa Bar Association's quarterly magazine, the *Summation*.

*The NWFPA reserves the right not to issue any one or more of the prizes should the submissions received violate the rules set forth herein.*

*Additional information and resources about 2019 Law Day can be found at [www.lawday.org](http://www.lawday.org).*



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## 2019 Law Day Essay Contest Cover Sheet

A copy of this sheet must accompany each essay submitted in the 2019 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.**

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

Student's address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent's phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

County/School District: \_\_\_\_\_ School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Student's grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's email: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of words: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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