



# Poster & Essay Contests



The Franklin County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division in partnership with the Franklin County Bar Foundation is hosting a poster contest and an essay contest open to all 8<sup>th</sup> graders in Franklin County. Prizes will be announced at Law Day, May 20th at the Franklin County Courthouse. \*Posters and essays become the property of the Franklin County Bar Association and may be displayed in the Courthouse and on our website [www.franklinbar.org](http://www.franklinbar.org).

**POSTER CONTEST** 2024's Law Day Theme is **Cornerstones of Democracy: Voices of Democracy**. *From the ABA website:* The 2024 Law Day 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 2024, the United States will hold its 60th presidential election, and Americans will address fundamental questions about democracy and the rule of law. Poster contest prizes are \$25 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$15 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and \$10 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

### Poster Contest Rules\*:

- Posters should be 22" x 28" (standard poster size)
- Posters must be labeled (on the back) with Student's Name, School Name, Teacher's Name, and Teacher's Email
- Posters must be turned into the Franklin County Bar Association by **Thursday, April 4th** to be considered
- Posters will be judged based on accurate representation of the theme, creativity, and visual appeal

**ESSAY CONTEST** Pretend you are writing a letter to your representative or senator. Identify an issue in your community. What action do you want them to take to address it? Essay contest prizes are \$200 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$100 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and \$50 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

### Essay Contest Rules\*:

- Essays shall not exceed 250 words
- Essays must be emailed to the Franklin County Bar Association by **Thursday, April 4th** to be considered
- Essays will be emailed to [director@franklinbar.org](mailto:director@franklinbar.org) and include Student's Name, School Name, Teacher's Name, and Teacher's Email
- Essays will be judged using a middle school writing rubric