

MEDINA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION LAW DAY
2022 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Medina County Bar Association (“MCBA”) is pleased to announce its 2022 Law Day Scholarship Contest. To be eligible, applicants must be high school seniors who reside in Medina County, Ohio. Applicants must write and submit an outstanding essay regarding the Law Day theme for Law Day 2022. At least one winner and up to five winners will be chosen depending on the number and quality of essays submitted. If only one winner is selected, a one-time \$5,000.00 scholarship will be awarded. If multiple winners (up to five) are selected, the \$5,000.00 will be evenly split among the winners. Multiple winners may receive a one-time scholarship and may receive anywhere from \$1,000.00 to \$2,500.00—depending on the number of winners.

The Law Day 2022 theme is “Toward a More Perfect Union: The Constitution in Times of Change”. The Constitution is a dynamic document, as it not only outlines a blueprint for government, but also delegates power, articulates rights, and offers mechanisms for change. It is neither perfect, nor exhaustive, as our nation’s history makes clear. Legislation, court rulings, amendments, lawyers, and “we the people” have built upon those original words across generations to attempt to make the “more perfect Union” more real. That effort continues today, as contemporary leaders and everyday citizens raise their voices as loud as ever to fulfill the promise of the Constitution. Defining and refining those words of the Constitution might be our oldest national tradition, and how each of us works—together—toward a more perfect Union.

There has not been a time in recent history where so many questions have arisen about the powers and/or viability of the Constitution in today’s world. From the stairs of the Capitol building to the wards of hospitals, our country has experienced challenges to existing power and freedoms in completely new ways in the past few years.

Applicants must choose one of the following prompts to answer for the essay competition. Each prompt contains sub-questions to aid the applicant’s focus.

- 1.) In your view, what is needed to fulfill the promise of a “more perfect Union”?
 - a. What part or part(s) of the United States Constitution play a role in unifying a diverse population?
 - b. How do protests, voting and civic participation play a part in creating a “more perfect Union”?

- 2.) Where does power reside within our constitutional democracy?
 - a. How can individual citizens use their voices to fulfill the promise of the Constitution?

1. The essay must be approximately, but no 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 the 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 (in the basement of the Common Pleas Courthouse on the Square) or rebecca@palmquist-law.com by no later than 4:00 p.m., April 25, 2022. Questions should be directed to president-elect, Rebecca Clark at rebecca@palmquist-law.com or 330-725-4935.
2. The Medina County Bar Association (the "MCBA") may, at its discretion, choose to extend the submission deadline if it receives an insufficient number of essays.
3. All essays and applications will become the MCBA's property. MCBA 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 is allowed.
4. Each applicant must reside in Medina County, Ohio, but does not need to attend a high school located in Medina County, Ohio.
5. At least one winner and up to five winners will be chosen depending on the number and quality of essays submitted. If only one winner is selected, a one-time \$5,000.00 scholarship will be awarded. If multiple winners (up to five) are selected, then the \$5,000.00 will be evenly split among the winners. Multiple winners may receive a one-time scholarship award anywhere from \$1,000.00 to \$2,500.00 depending on the number of winners.
6. As the MCBA's guest(s), the winner(s) are asked to attend and receive recognition at the MCBA's Law Day Luncheon on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 12:00 p.m., at Williams on the Lake, 787 Lafayette Road, Medina, Ohio 44256.