

**MEDINA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION LAW DAY**  
**2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**



**LAW DAY 2023**

The Medina County Bar Association (“MCBA”) is pleased to announce its 2023 Law Day special guest/keynote speaker will be the Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose. The event will be held at Williams-on-the-Lake, 787 Lafayette Road, Medina, Ohio on May 1, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and will include buffet lunch at noon and the announcement of the essay Scholarship Contest winner(s).

The essay contest for students has been an integral part of Law Day festivities for many years. This annual contest encourages youth to explore our legal system and the relationship between laws and our rights and freedoms. A \$1,000.00 one-time scholarship is available and limited to three (3) high school seniors, residing in Medina County, Ohio, who write the winning essay on the theme for Law Day 2023.

Law Day was established by President Eisenhower in 1958 to honor the law and will be celebrated by local communities and the legal profession nationwide on May 1, 2023.

This year’s Law Day theme is **“Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration.”** We invite all the people of the United States to join us in rebuilding trust in our institutions, respect for one another, and our willingness to collaborate to address the challenges that face our nation.

In recent years, tensions in our democratic system have revealed deep divisions in American society. These divisions are aggravated by incivility in public discourse and insufficient understanding among many people about the Constitution and the way American government works. Together, however, we can collaborate to overcome our differences, resolve our disputes, and preserve our democracy and republic. To that end, we call on members of the legal profession to lead the way in promoting civics, civility, and collaboration—the cornerstones of our democracy.

**Question:** The government and its three branches, the media (in its various forms), and citizens at large can all play a role in advancing civics, civility, and collaboration.

Pick at least two of the groups and address how they can support the goals of promoting trust in our institutions, respect for one another, and collaboration in addressing our nation's challenges.

Each essay will be judged based upon format, clarity, style, reasoning, creativity and overall effort.

## RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

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 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 by email to [LSkidmore@skidmoreandhall.com](mailto:LSkidmore@skidmoreandhall.com) by 4:00 p.m., April 15, 2023.** Questions should be directed to president-elect Lee Skidmore, Esq., at [LSkidmore@Skidmoreandhall.com](mailto:LSkidmore@Skidmoreandhall.com); 330-725-0531.

2. The Medina County Bar Association (the "MCBA") may, at its discretion, choose to extend the above 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. Three (3) winner(s) will be selected from all essay submissions. That winner(s) will receive a one-time cash award of \$1,000.00, paid directly to the college, university, or other post-secondary educational institution which the student will attend in the fall of this year.

6. As the MCBA's guests, the winners are asked to attend and receive recognition at the MCBA's Law Day luncheon on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 11:30 a.m., at the William-on-the-Lake, Event Center (787 Lafayette Road, Medina, OH 44256).