

2026 Medina County Bar Association Essay Contest

The Medina County Bar Association is pleased to announce its annual scholarship opportunity in celebration of **Law Day 2026**. This year's theme "**The Rule of Law and the American Dream**" invites students to reflect on how the rule of law ensures the liberties, opportunities, and rights of the American people.

We encourage students to demonstrate their creativity, critical thinking, and research skills through an original essay based on this theme. Winners will receive scholarships to support their educational goals.

The contest is open to all high school seniors who reside in Medina County, Ohio, but need not attend a high school located in Medina County, Ohio.

Must submit an original essay adhering to the guidelines below:

1. **Topic:** Relate your discussion to the 2026 Law Day theme: "**The Rule of Law and the American Dream**"
2. **Length:** Essays should be approximately 500–1,000 words.
3. **Format:** Typed, double-spaced, 12-point font. Include a cover page with your full name, school, grade/class level, and contact information.
4. **Content:** Submissions should offer thoughtful analysis, incorporate credible sources, and demonstrate clear organization and grammar.

Submission Instructions:

- Submit essays electronically to Gina Hotchkiss at ghotchkiss@medinacounty.gov with the subject line "2026 Law Day Essay – [Your Name]."
- **Deadline for submission:** April 15, 2026.

Scholarship Awards:

- 1st place: \$3,000.00
- 2nd place: \$1,500.00

Winners will be notified by April 24, 2026, and awards will be presented at the Medina County Bar Association's Law Day Ceremony on May 1, 2026.

We look forward to reading your submissions and celebrating Law Day 2026 with you!