



LAW MONTH 2023 ESSAY CONTEST GRADES 9-12

In recognition of Law Month, the Judiciary of Guam, District Court of Guam, and the Guam Bar Association are sponsoring an Essay Contest to allow students to recognize the importance of law in our society.

WHAT IS LAW DAY?

Law Day is a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. Law Day underscores how law and the legal process have contributed to the freedoms that we all share.

2023 GUAM LAW MONTH THEME

*Cornerstones of Democracy:
Civics, Civility, and Collaboration*

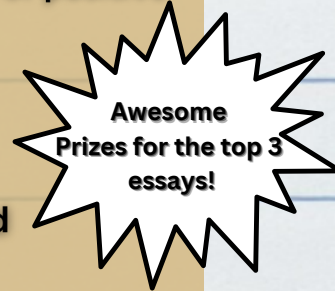
To enter, students must write an essay addressing the following question: In his letter from the Birmingham Jail, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote that the greatest challenge to the civil rights movement were people that prefer a “negative peace” to a “positive peace.” Dr. King defined a “negative peace” as the absence of tension, and a “positive peace” as the presence of justice. In your opinion, does promoting civility and collaboration promote a negative or positive peace? Why?

CONTEST RULES

- Students from 9th-12th grade are eligible to participate
- Essays must address the question above
- Essays must be no more than 1,000 words, typewritten, and double-spaced
- Essays must be the student’s original work

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023

Entries must be emailed to eeschbach@guamcourts.gov or delivered to the Supreme Court of Guam, 3rd Floor, Guam Judicial Center.



Student's Name: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Teacher's Email: _____

Certification of Student:

I am submitting an original essay to the Law Month 2023 Essay Contest. I certify that this essay is my own work. I understand that my essay will not be returned and may be used in activities publicizing the contest.

Signature