

National Center for State Courts
annual Civics Education

ESSAY 2024 CONTEST



For grades 3 to 12 | \$3,450 in prize money!

Each year, the National Center for State Courts recognizes Law Day through its civics education essay contest. Youth are invited to share their thoughts about a particular topic related to the courts and U.S. government. This year, we pose the following questions/prompts:

Elementary School

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor believed that people should take part in their communities and government. What does it mean to be involved in your community? Can you think of ways you can help make your school or neighborhood a better place?

Middle & High School

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor stressed the importance of civic engagement. Discuss the role she believed citizens should play in shaping their communities and government. Why did she think that civic participation is so important to democracy?

ESSAYS DUE MARCH 22, 2024

Visit ncsc.org/contest for more information and contest rules.

