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2009 Louisiana High School Essay & YouTube Contest

The judges and lawyers of Louisiana invite all eligible Louisiana High School students to write an essay or create a video on the following topic:

Select three objects that symbolize American culture. Explain why you chose the items and why you believe they symbolize the American culture.

Sources of Information

Participants may use any source of information available to them including, but not limited to, parish or city libraries or law libraries.

Judging

A panel of distinguished attorneys will select the winning essays. The winning essays will be chosen chiefly on the basis of ideas expressed, research and literary ability. However, neatness, grammar and spelling will also be considered. It is not the position that is taken, but the manner of presentation that will be considered in judging.

Essay Contest Rules

1. Essays may be either typed or written longhand. They may be typed by a person other than the student, BUT NOT EDITED.
2. Each essay MUST contain a cover sheet with the full name, address, age and grade of the student; the name and address of his or her school; the name and address of the teacher under whose instruction the essay was prepared, if any; the name of the principal; and the parish in which the student's school is located.
3. At the end of the essay, the student must sign a certificate stating: "The essay was entirely composed by me and represents my own original work."
4. No essays will be returned. All essays will become the property of the Louisiana State Bar Association and may be published in the Louisiana Bar Journal of the Louisiana State Bar Association or elsewhere.
5. Please note that essays in excess of 1,500 words or not complying with any contest rule will not be considered.

General Contest Rules

Video Submissions: YouTube video entries are limited to three (3) minutes in length and must be uploaded to the YouTube contest submission channel site at www.youtube.com/user/LSBAYLS.

Essay Submissions: Create an essay of no more than 1,500 words. Submissions by a group of two or more people are not permitted and will be disqualified.

Multiple Entries: An individual may submit one entry in the video competition and one entry in the essay competition. If multiple entries in a category are submitted, only the first entry reviewed by the committee of judges will be accepted and the additional submissions will be disqualified.

Original Work: Videos and essays must be original works of the participant created for the purposes of this competition. Entries previously published or submitted elsewhere will not be accepted. In addition, the use of logos, trademarks, or other copyrighted images/work product is not allowed and will result in the disqualification of the submission. Plagiarism will not be permitted. However, students may discuss their essays or videos with their parents, teachers, attorneys or other persons.

Video Submission Form: To complete your video submission, please fill out the online form at www.lsba.org/yls.

Appropriate Content: Any submissions that contain inappropriate behavior, foul language, or otherwise objectionable conduct or images will result in the immediate disqualification of the submission.

Discretion: Any violation of the competition rules gives the committee of judges the right to disqualify a submission. It is completely within the discretion of the committee of judges to find a submission has violated the rules of the competition. Submissions will be judged on their originality, creativity, and overall quality.

Deadlines

To be judged, essays must be U.S. postmarked on or before January 31, 2009; and videos must be uploaded any time between December 10, 2008, and before 4 p.m. on January 30, 2009.

Prizes

Statewide Essay Winners

- First Place \$500 plus a plaque
- Second Place \$250 plus a plaque
- Third Place \$100 plus a plaque

Statewide Video Winners

- First Place \$250 plus a certificate
- Second Place \$125 plus a certificate
- Third Place \$50 plus a certificate

Refer to www/LSBA.org/yls for a complete listing of the rules.

Mail Essays To:

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Upload Videos To:

www.youtube.com/user/LSBAYLS

Fill out online form at www.lsba.org/yls

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