

2009 Louisiana High School Essay & YouTube Contest

Official Contest Rules

Sponsor: The Young Lawyers Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130.

Eligibility: These contests are open to all Louisiana high school students. YouTube contest entrants under 18 years of age at the time of entry must receive their parents' permission and provide written parental consent before their entries are considered.

Louisiana high school students should 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 including, but not limited to, parish or city libraries or law libraries.

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 by a single person are submitted, only the first entry reviewed by the committee of judges will be accepted and additional submissions will be disqualified.

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

Essay Contest Rules

Deadline: To be judged, an entry must be U.S. postmarked on or before January 30, 2009.

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 also will be considered. It is not the position that is taken, but the manner of presentation that will be considered in judging.

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.

Original Work: Essays must be original works of the participant created for the purposes of this competition.

Mail Essays To:

Kelly Ponder, LSBA
High School Essay Contest
601 St. Charles Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70130

2009 Louisiana High School Essay & YouTube Contest

YouTube Contest Rules

Deadline: To be judged, videos must be posted to the LSBAYLS group by 4 p.m. on or before January 30, 2009.

Steps to Enter: Eligible participants must:

1. Visit the YLS home page at www.LSBA.org/yls, complete an online entry form, and agree to the terms of these rules.
2. Submit/post their video to <http://www.youtube.com/user/LSBAYLS> any time between December 10, 2008, and January 30, 2009. Length of videos is a maximum of three minutes.
3. If you are under the age of 18, you must submit a signed permission form (see below) from your parent or guardian, including your YouTube username. Fax the signed form to (504)566-0930 or scan and e-mail it to LSBAYLS@gmail.com.

By completing the above steps, eligible persons will be entered in the contest as a "Participant" and all participants agree to the terms and rules of the contest.

Videos not posted to the LSBAYLS group by 4 p.m. on January 30, 2009, will not be considered.

Judging: A panel of distinguished attorneys will select the winning videos. The winning videos will be chosen chiefly on the basis of originality, creativity, adherence to the theme, and overall quality. Winners agree to comply with all terms and conditions set forth in these Official Rules. Winning is contingent on fulfilling all requirements. Winners may be required to provide proof that they are the authorized account holder of the e-mail address associated with their entry, and that they meet age and residency requirements. Submissions by a group of two or more people are not permitted and will be disqualified.

Entries: Entries on YouTube will be deemed made by the authorized account holder of the e-mail address submitted at the time of entry. The authorized account holder is the person assigned to an e-mail address by an Internet access provider, online service provider, or other organization responsible for assigning e-mail addresses or the domain associated with the e-mail address. Each entrant may enter the contest only once. Entries become the exclusive property of the sponsor and will not be acknowledged or returned.

Submitted Videos: Videos must be original works of the participant created for the purposes of this competition and the participant must not have granted any person or entity other than the sponsor the right to use the video.

Submitted videos will not be accepted or eligible if they include any content that contains or appears to contain:

1. Explicitly profane or obscene material;
2. Endorsement (or condones) illegal drug use, alcohol abuse, or other illegal activity;
3. Nudity, profanity, or extreme or gratuitous violence;
4. Language will be evaluated by the sponsor based on context and societal acceptability;
5. Any express or implied commercial endorsement;
6. Any derogatory characterization of any person or group based on age, race, color, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, marital status, mental or physical disability, citizenship, creed, national origin, physical appearance, political affiliation, union membership, or other unethical or unlawful factors;
7. Depictions of any conduct, language, or other context deemed inappropriate by the sponsor or any of the judges.

2009 Louisiana High School Essay & YouTube Contest

Clearances: Each participant is solely responsible for obtaining from all applicable individuals or entities any and all required rights, releases, consents, clearances, licenses, and other authorizations necessary to exploit and otherwise use their submitted video in any and all media. Clearances required include but are not limited to:

1. Location releases;
2. Releases from any person whose name, voice, likeness, or persona is referenced, shown, or otherwise used in the submitted video;
3. If any individuals depicted are under the age of majority, participants must obtain the signature of the individuals' parent or guardian on the applicable clearance(s). By submitting their video entries, participants warrant that the submitted video and all elements contained therein does not infringe on any copyright owned by another, and/or that the content of the video is within the bounds of the fair use doctrine. Participants also confirm that to the best of their knowledge, any statements made in the submitted video are true and do not violate or infringe on the rights of third parties. Sponsor reserves the right (but not the obligation) to verify that all necessary clearances have been obtained, prior to selecting the video as a finalist or winning video. The sponsor may disqualify any submitted video at any time if the participant has not obtained all necessary clearances.

Conditions of Participation: By entering, participants agree to defend and indemnify sponsor and sponsor's principals, subsidiaries, affiliates, directors, officers, employees, and agents from any and all liability for any injuries, loss, or damage of any kind arising from or in connection with the contest or receipt or use and/or misuse of any prize.

Each participant agrees that the sponsor may retain a copy of the submitted video and releases the sponsor from liability for any loss or damage thereto. Each participant, by submitting the video to us, also consents, approves, and authorizes the sponsor the right to use, broadcast, webcast, podcast, link to or from, syndicate, or otherwise exhibit or display the submitted video in its original or an altered form or format. Each participant grants the sponsor the unqualified, unrestricted, worldwide, irrevocable, perpetual, and royalty-free right to use his or her name, logo, marks, or other distinctive identification in connection with promoting or marketing the contest or its theme, and in future educational materials for attorneys or the public. The rights described in these official rules begin immediately upon submission of the submitted video and continue indefinitely unless revoked in written notice from the sponsor to the participant. The sponsor has no obligation to post or display any submitted video and may at its discretion remove any submitted videos at any time. The participant releases the sponsor from any and all claims against the participant in connection with the submitted video.

General Conditions: This contest is governed by the laws of the State of Louisiana and participants consent to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the State District Courts of the State of Louisiana for any causes or controversies arising therefrom. The sponsor reserves the right to void entries it deems associated with electronic or non-electronic tampering. Should technical difficulties arise that compromise the integrity of the contest, the sponsor may cancel, modify, or suspend the contest without notice. In that case, the sponsor reserves the right to award the prizes from eligible entries received before the cancellation. The sponsor is not responsible for any technical malfunction or service outage related to the contest.

Upload Videos To: <http://www.youtube.com/user/LSBAYLS>

E-mail any questions to: LSBAYLS@gmail.com

2009 Louisiana High School Essay & YouTube Contest

PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM for YouTube Contest

Contest participants must also complete the online entry form at www.LSBA.org/YLS.

I hereby grant my child permission to participate in the 2009 LSBA YLS YouTube Video contest.

Parent's name

Parent's signature

Parent's address

Child's name

Child's YouTube username

Please fax the signed form to (504)566-0930 or scan and e-mail it to LSBAYLS@gmail.com.