

NEVADA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
2020 LAW DAY HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

\$2,000 First Prize (The Ray Shine Memorial Scholarship)¹
\$1,000 Second Prize
\$500 Third Prize

The Nevada County Bar Association hereby presents its 2020 High School Essay Scholarship Contest. This year's theme is "**Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19th Amendment at 100.**"

The criteria for this scholarship are:

- It is open to all public, private and home-schooled high school students in Nevada County, who are in grades 9 to 12 as of August 17, 2020, or the home-schooled equivalent.
- **Essay required on the one-page question attached to this announcement.** The essay must be the applicant's original work, no more than 500 words in length, typewritten or computer generated, with double-spacing and 1-inch margins on all sides. The applicant's name must not be included in or on the essay.
- The application form must be completed and returned to the address below with the essay by Monday, October 12, 2020. Essays received after this date will not be accepted.
- The criteria for evaluating essays will emphasize a well-reasoned and well-stated argument. The position taken in the essay is immaterial. What is essential is that the argument be well-reasoned and supported by evidence, arguments, or other rhetorical means of persuasion. Grammar, spelling, punctuation and clarity of thought and expression are the remaining criteria.
- No affiliation with the Nevada County Bar Association or its members is required for entry, but no person related to an entrant may participate in judging entries.

ENTRIES MUST BE MAILED, FAXED, OR E-MAILED AND RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020 AT:

NEVADA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
c/o Stephen C. Baker
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149 Crown Point Court, Suite B
Grass Valley, CA 95945
(530) 272-8463 (fax); sbaker@diamondbaker.com.
Please note, e-mail submissions are preferred but not required.

¹ The first-place prize is named "The Ray Shine Memorial Scholarship" in honor of the late Nevada County Attorney.

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QUESTION

Bearing in mind the 19th Amendment, if you could add one Amendment to the United States Constitution that you believe would strengthen democracy in America, what would it be and why? In explaining your proposal, you are encouraged to consider political issues, economics, American culture, American history and the overarching purpose of our Constitution. Your Amendment may add to, expand or modify civil liberties. It may also change an existing institutional part of the first seven articles: That is, you may introduce a new subject to the US Constitution in your Amendment or change any existing part of the Constitution, including the first seven articles, or existing Amendments. Whatever your choice, your amendment must be aimed at strengthening democracy as illustrated in your supporting arguments.

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APPLICATION FORM

Date: _____ Nevada County High School: _____

Year: _____ (Fr., Soph., Jr. or Sr.)

Name: _____

Last

First

Middle

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

ENTRIES, INCLUDING ESSAY AND THIS FORM, MUST BE MAILED, FAXED OR E-MAILED AND RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020 AT:

NEVADA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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