

Office of the Attorney General

2014 Law Day Essay Contest

WHO: The contest is open to **8th graders** who are Connecticut residents and students of public and private schools or home schooled.

WHAT: The topic of this year's contest is: ***"Should government regulate sugary drinks? Why or why not?"***

HOW: Essays should be no more than **600 words** (2 typed pages, double-spaced, 12-point type) and the **original work** of the student. Please include a **title page** with the student's name, age, their teacher's name, name of his/her school and county in which it is located. Do not put identifying information on the essay pages. Each school will be limited to 30 essays.

WHEN: Entries should be emailed as PDF or Word files by Friday, April 11 to **EssayContest@ct.gov**. Winners will be announced by press release on Law Day, May 1.

WHY: The contest is an opportunity for students to engage in critical thinking about an issue of law that may affect their lives, and to write a persuasive essay presenting their point of view.

JUDGING: Blind judging will be used to choose winning essays in each of Connecticut's eight counties, as well as the best three essays statewide. The criteria for judging include: originality, persuasive writing, correct spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Winners will receive certificates of achievement and their names, the names of their schools and their essays will be posted on the OAG website.

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