2021 Essay Contest

In recognition of Law Month, the Judiciary of Guam, the District Court of Guam, and the Guam Bar Association are sponsoring the annual Law Month Essay Contest.

What is Law Day?
Law Day is a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. Law Day underscores how law and the legal process have contributed to the freedoms that we all share.

The 2021 Guam Law Month Theme: "Advancing the Rule of Law Now"
The rule of law is the bedrock of American rights and liberties—in times of calm and unrest alike. The 2021 Law Month theme—Advancing the Rule of Law, Now—reminds all of us that we the people share the responsibility to promote the rule of law, defend liberty, and pursue justice.

To enter, students must write an essay addressing the following question:
The rule of law is the principle that no one is above the law and everyone is treated equally under the law. However, we know that throughout America's history and even until today, this isn't always the case. Discuss either historical examples or current events that illustrate this observation. Explain the role of the courts in ensuring the rule of law is enforced. What steps, if any, do you feel still need to be taken in order to make the rule of law more fair and just for all?

Contest Rules:
- Students from 9th-12th grade are eligible to participate.
- Essays must address the question above.
- Essays must be no more than 1,000 words, typewritten, and double-spaced.
- Essays must be the student's original work.

First Place – $300 Cash
Second Place – $200 Cash
Third Place – $100 Cash

Deadline: Friday, April 16, 2021

Entries must be emailed to eeschbach@guamsupremecourt.com or delivered to the Supreme Court of Guam, 3rd Floor, Guam Judicial Center.

Student's Name:_____

School:_____

Grade: _____

Teacher:_____

Teacher's Email:_____

Certification of Student:
I am submitting an original essay to the Law Month 2021 Essay Contest. I certify that this essay is my own work. I understand that my essay will not be returned and may be used in activities publicizing the contest.

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Signature