



# LAW MONTH 2023

## ESSAY CONTEST

### GRADES 6-8

In recognition of Law Month, the Judiciary of Guam, District Court of Guam, and the Guam Bar Association are sponsoring an Essay Contest to allow students to recognize the importance of law in our society.

#### 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.

#### 2023 GUAM LAW MONTH THEME

*Cornerstones of Democracy:  
Civics, Civility, and Collaboration*

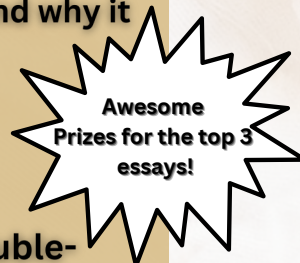
To enter, students must write an essay addressing the following question: During the 2008 U.S. Presidential Election, Senator John McCain famously defended his opponent, then-Senator Barack Obama from attacks on his character by calling the future President "a decent, family man, citizen that I just happen to have disagreements with on fundamental issues." Discuss another time when someone in the spotlight defended a person they disagreed with and why it was similarly impactful.

#### CONTEST RULES

- Students from 6th-8th grade are eligible to participate
- Essays must address the question above
- Essays must be no more than 750 words, typewritten, and double-spaced
- Essays must be the student's original work

**DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023**

Entries must be emailed to [eeschbach@guamcourts.gov](mailto:eeschbach@guamcourts.gov) 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 2023 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*