

# GALVESTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

2024-2025

Jesse Potts, *President*



Jordan Raschke Elton, *President-Elect*

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February 5, 2025

Dear Teachers and Counselors:

Hello, my name is Jesse Potts and I am an attorney at Bush & Ramirez, PLLC. I also serve as President of the Galveston County Young Lawyer's Section ("GYLS"). I write to inform you about the Galveston County Bar Association's celebration of Law Day.

Law Day is celebrated nationally on May 1st to honor the rule of law. The Galveston County Bar Association celebrates the importance of law and its impact on our nation and local communities by inviting high school students to participate in the 2025 Law Day editorial contest.

The 2025 Law Day contest theme is: **The Constitution's Promise: Out of Many, One.** All entries for the Editorial contest must respond to the following prompt: *"To further instill pride in our Constitution, depict the ways in which the rule of law bridges our differences to bring us together as a united nation."*

I would like to invite your students to participate in the editorial contest. To that end, I have attached (i) an entry form that must accompany each entrant's work and (ii) specific instructions for students that decide to participate. All entries must be submitted on or before **March 26, 2025, no later than 5:00 pm, to the following email addresses:**

[jpotts@utexas.edu](mailto:jpotts@utexas.edu)

[jraschkeelton@greerherz.com](mailto:jraschkeelton@greerherz.com)

The winning students' prizes are tied to the GYLS' efforts to raise scholarship funds at this year's Galveston County Bar Holiday Party and Silent Auction. The scholarships will be presented to the winners in person at the San Luis Resort on April 17, 2025. Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

*/s/ Jesse Potts*

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President, GYLS

*/s/ Jordan Raschke Elton*

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2025 LAW DAY SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST**

This scholarship is for graduating Galveston County high school students who are interested in pursuing a career in the legal profession. The scholarships will be presented on April 17, 2025.

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All applications must be received via email by **5:00 pm on March 26, 2025**.

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To: [jpotts@utexas.edu](mailto:jpotts@utexas.edu)  
[jrasckeelton@greerherz.com](mailto:jrasckeelton@greerherz.com)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Galveston County High School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Graduation (Month & Year):** \_\_\_\_\_

**2019 Overall GPA/Class Rank:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**College/University Planning To Attend:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Intended Major(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School/Community Activities & Awards (Attach additional pages as necessary):**

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**If Applicable, please provide a short two to three sentence summary of any special financial needs:**

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## GALVESTON COUNTY YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION 2025 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

Please write an essay in response to the following 2025 Law Day theme:

### **The Constitution's Promise: Out of Many, One.**

All entries should reflect the student's interpretation of the 2025 Law Day theme by responding to the following prompt:

**"To further instill pride in our Constitution, depict the ways in which the rule of law bridges our differences to bring us together as a united nation."**

### Essay Rules:

1. Only students graduating from a high school located in Galveston County by September 2025 are invited to apply.
2. The editorial must be written in response to the above prompt.
3. The editorial must be typewritten and double spaced.
4. The submitted work must be the student's own, original work.
5. The editorial must show critical analysis and historical evidence.
6. Only one entry per student participant.
7. The editorial must be no longer than 500 words.
8. The editorial must include a cover page with the following information: name of student, the title of the editorial, name of high school, and city of residence.
9. Each page of the editorial submission must include a header with the title and page number only.
10. The editorial must be accompanied by the entry form. The entry form must be fully completed and signed by the student's parent or guardian. Both the entry form and the editorial submission must be submitted in digital format via flash drive or email and the files must be clearly labeled.
11. By entering, the student gives the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association the right to reproduce material submitted in any medium without time, use, or territorial limitation as long as it is for non-commercial purposes.
12. Winners will be provided with and must agree to Scholarship Terms detailing responsibilities and the payment of scholarship money directly to the university.

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STATE BAR *of* TEXAS

LAW  
DAY

2025

*The Constitution's Promise: Out of Many, One*

## 2025 LAW DAY AWARDS ENTRY AND RELEASE FORM

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

This entry is for (check one):

Editorial Contest

Photography Contest

Poster Contest

Title of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENTAL PERMISSION

I hereby grant my child permission to participate in the statewide 2025 Law Day contests. I have read the contest rules, and my child's entry complies with the rules.

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

#### *Local Bar Use Only*

**Instructions:** A digital version of this form should be submitted by the local bar association or young lawyer affiliate on behalf of each student entrant for the statewide Law Day contests. Please ensure that this form is fully completed and accompanies each digital entry before sending it to the State Bar of Texas via email or flash drive. Entries must be received by **Wednesday, March 26, 2025**. The State Bar will only accept one entry per category from each local bar association. **All entries and forms will be accepted as digital files only. No hardcopy entries or entry forms will be accepted. All entries and entry forms must be clearly labeled.** Please send your flash drive or email containing all entries and entry forms to the following address:

**If mailing flashdrive using USPS:**

**State Bar of Texas**

**Local Bar Services**

**P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487**

**Tel: 512-427-1514**

**Email: localbars@texasbar.com**

**If sending flashdrive using Fed-Ex or UPS:**

**State Bar of Texas**

**Local Bar Services**

**1414 Colorado, Austin, TX 78701**

**Tel: 512-427-1514**

**Email: localbars@texasbar.com**

Name of Local Bar Association Submitting Entry: \_\_\_\_\_