

2026 LAW DAY ESSAY/POSTER CONTEST

The Blair County Bar Association and America250 PA Blair Commission are pleased to announce their partnership for the 2026 Law Day Essay/Poster Contest. Submissions must be received by end of business on **April 17, 2026**. The winning entries from each grade level will be invited to the Law Day Ceremony on May 1, 2026 at the Blair County Courthouse to read their winning essay or present their winning poster. The grand prize winner will receive a cash award and will be invited to read their winning essay at various America250 PA Blair events.

All submissions shall interpret the theme “**What Does America Mean to You?**” and shall be submitted no later than April 17, 2026 to 1701 Fifth Ave, Altoona, PA 16602 or PO Box 295, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. Essay entries may also be emailed to BCBA2026essaycontest@gmail.com no later than April 17, 2026. All submissions must contain the attached registration form and the submission itself must contain no identifying information.

The **Essay Contest** is open to Blair County students in grades 6 through 12. The essay must interpret the theme “What Does America Mean to You?”, be double-spaced, 12 point font, and not exceed 500 words. Generative AI shall not be used in the creation of the essay. Use of Generative AI will result in disqualification of the essay.

The **Poster Contest** is open to Blair County students in grades Kindergarten through 5. The poster must interpret the theme “What Does America Mean to You?” and be no larger than 12 inches by 18 inches. Generative AI shall not be used in the creation of the poster. Use of Generative AI will result in disqualification of the poster.

Poster and essay submissions may be displayed at the Blair County Courthouse, on the Blair County Bar Association website and/or on the America250 PA Blair Commission website. The names and photographs of grade level winners and grand prize winner may be displayed on the Blair County Bar Association website and/or the America250 PA Blair Commission website and may be announced at various Blair County Bar Association and America250 PA Blair events.

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SUBMISSION FORM
WHAT DOES AMERICA MEAN TO YOU?

Please type or print legibly:

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

School and Teacher Name: _____

If homeschooled, home address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name and telephone number: _____

I affirm that I am a Blair County student in grade K through 12 and that my entry is the result of my own work. I affirm that I did not use Generative AI in the creation of my entry.

Student Signature

I hereby grant my child permission to participate in the 2026 Law Day Essay/Poster Contest. I give permission to the Blair County Bar Association and America250 PA Blair Commission to reproduce contest entries. I acknowledge that and give permission for my child's name and/or likeness to be used in promotional materials, including on the Blair County Bar Association website and/or the America250 PA Blair Commission website, and for my child's name and work to be announced at various Blair County Bar Association and America250 PA Blair events.

Parent/Guardian signature