

# 2026 LAW DAY ART CONTEST

## *“The Rule of Law and The American Dream”*



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**CIRCUIT COURT CLERK**

*Every year in May, law professionals across the country commemorate Law Day to promote an understanding of the legal profession and the importance of law in society. This year, we explore "The Rule of Law and The American Dream." This emphasizes the principle that no person is above the law, ensuring that people have the right to live freely and to pursue their dreams.*

*This year (2026), the Clerk of Circuit Court is calling for student artwork that reflects the American Bar Association's Law Day Theme: "The Rule of Law and The American Dream." The goal for the Clerk's Law Day Art Contest is to provide an exciting and educational way for students to deepen their understanding of the many ways law and the legal process protect our liberty, strive to achieve justice, and contribute to the freedoms that all Americans share. This contest inspires civil discourse about the common good and the framework of our democracy.*

*The Clerk of Circuit Court encourages all students in grades 1st-12th enrolled in private, home, and public schools in Prince William County, and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park, to submit artwork illustrating the theme "The Rule of Law and The American Dream."*

*Details about the Clerk's call for student artwork for her 6th Annual Law Day Art Contest are included in this packet.*

### **Clerk's 6th Annual Law Day Artwork Contest**

The Circuit Court Clerk's 6th Annual Law Day Art Contest offers an exciting and educational opportunity for local students in grades 1 through 12 to participate in Law Day and potentially earn awards.

Enclosed in this 2026 Law Day Artwork Contest Packet are details and a description of the contest rules.

### **Contest Eligibility**

The contest is open to all local students enrolled for the 2025–2026 school year in grades 1 through 12 in Prince William County, as well as the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park.

### **2026 Contest Timetable:**

- **January 12:** Official Public Announcement: Circuit Court Clerk Calls for Law Day Artwork
- **February 21:** Art Workshop at Central Library (Makerspace)
- **February 21 through April 24:** Early Entries Accepted
- **April 27: ALL Entries Required**
- **April 28:** Public Voting opens, both in person and Online. Link: <https://forms.office.com/g/xNT2gYnPr8>
- **April 29 – May 2:** Artwork will be on display at the courthouse.
- **May 1 (TBD):** Law Day Ceremony
- **May 10 – June 8:** Artwork will be on

### **Law Day Ceremony** (MAY: TBD)

Artwork will be on display and awards will be presented at the Circuit Court Clerk's Law Day Ceremony/Open House. Invitations will be sent in advance with details.

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### Art Contest Guidelines:

- The contest is open to all students in grades 1st through 12th within Prince William County, the City of Manassas, and the City of Manassas Park.
- Artwork submissions can include drawings, photographs, paintings, or other flat artwork inspired by this year's theme: *The Rule of Law and The American Dream*.
- **All paper and photograph artwork must be in a solid frame for exhibiting artwork.**
- **Canvases are preferred and easier for exhibiting artwork.**
- All entries must include a completed and legible submission form with a brief description of the artwork (form included in packet).
- Top prize winners will receive monetary rewards and other gifts donated by community sponsors.
- All entries will be featured on our social media pages: @PWCCircuitCourt.
- Votes will be taken by the public, digitally and at the courthouse. (Link: <https://forms.office.com/g/xNT2gYnPr8>.)
- Final winners will be selected and announced at the Clerk's Law Day Art Ceremony the first week in May at 6:00 p.m. (Details TBD)
- Please mail or drop off entries to the Circuit Court Clerk's Office (C/O Candi Choi, 9311 Lee Avenue, Room #306, Manassas, VA 20110) no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2026.
- Teachers can coordinate a scheduled pick-up at a centrally located school. For more information, please contact [CChoi@pwcgov.org](mailto:CChoi@pwcgov.org).
- Multiple entries are allowed; please submit an entry form (provided below) with each entry.
- Questions? Please email us at [CCCCommunications@pwcgov.org](mailto:CCCCommunications@pwcgov.org).
- Contest awards provided by sponsors and by Jacqueline Smith, Circuit Court Clerk, at no cost to the taxpayer.

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*Should you wish the return of your artwork, please let us know on the form enclosed in this packet.*

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Please send your entries by mail or hand deliver to the address below by Monday, April 27

Jacqueline Smith, Circuit Court Clerk

9311 Lee Ave, Room 306

Manassas, VA 20110

Please Print Clearly (no cursive)

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age\_\_\_ Grade\_\_\_ School & Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (Please use address you'd prefer to have prizes/certificate sent to.)

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Parent/Guardian Name & Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Artwork \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Artwork:

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