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**SPONSOR:** York County Bar Foundation

**FOR:** York County Students – 9th through 12th grades

**TOPICS: Pick ONE topic – MAXIMUM LENGTH 500 WORDS**

1. **When age-appropriate vaccines are available, should PA mandate the COVID-19 vaccine for public school staff & students as is done for many other communicable diseases? Why or why not?**
2. **What does the Rule of Law mean to you and what is its importance to a democratic society?**
3. **Should the electoral college be changed or abolished? Why or why not?**
4. **Should social media companies be permitted to refuse to publish user content? Why or why not?**
5. ***BASIS FOR JUDGING:*** *The essays will be reviewed for logic, originality, thoughtfulness and writing style, not for specific knowledge of the related law.*

***DUE DATE:******ESSAYS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:00 PM THURSDAY, March 25, 2021*** *at the York County Bar Center, 137 E. Market St., York, PA 17401.*

***COVER PAGE:*** *The cover page must include your* ***NAME, GRADE, SCHOOL, SPONSORING TEACHER’S NAME & EMAIL and THE ESSAY TOPIC CHOSEN.***

***PRIZES:*** First Place - $300 Amazon Gift Card

Second Place - $200 Amazon Gift Card

Third Place - $100 Amazon Gift Card

A*ll winners, along with their parents and sponsoring teachers will be invited to attend the York County Bar Foundation’s Law Day program via Zoom, Monday, May 3, 2021 where they will receive their prizes and a certificate of recognition.*

***ABOUT LAW DAY***

### *Law Day was established by Presidential Proclamation in 1958 and is observed on May 1st throughout the United States. The theme for the American Bar Association’s 2021 celebration is “Advancing the Rule of Law Now.”*

**43rd Annual Essay Contest**