

NEVADA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
2014 HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

\$1,000 First Prize
\$500 Second Prize
\$250 Third Prize

The Nevada County Bar Association hereby presents its 2014 High School Essay Contest. This year's theme is "**American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters.**"

The criteria for this scholarship are:

- It is open to all public, private and home-schooled high school students in Nevada County, who are in grades 9 to 12 as of August 13, 2014, or the home-schooled equivalent.
- Essay required on the following question:

Rule of law and respect of law creates stability, continuity, and legitimacy of government. On occasion, however, disobedience of law has been used as a means for effecting change. Using examples from history what do you perceive to be the proper balance between respect for the law and disobedience to it? Looking into the future, do you perceive any issues where the balance between rule of law and disobedience may become an issue of importance?

- The essay must be the applicant's original work, no more than 500 words in length, typewritten or computer generated with double-spacing and 1-inch margins on all sides. The applicant's name must not be included in or on the essay.
- The application form must be completed and returned to the address below with the essay by October 6, 2014. Essays received after this date will not be accepted.
- The criteria for evaluating essays will emphasize: a well-reasoned, well-stated argument. The position taken in the essay is immaterial. What is essential is that the argument be well-reasoned and supported by evidence, arguments, or other rhetorical means of persuasion. Grammar, spelling, punctuation and clarity of thought and expression are the remaining criteria.
- No affiliation with the Nevada County Bar Association or its members is required for entry, but no person related to an entrant may participate in judging entries.

ENTRIES MUST BE MAILED, FAXED OR E-MAILED AND RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014 AT:

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APPLICATION FORM

Date: _____ Nevada County High School: _____

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

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