## STARK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

February 21, 2019

Dear College Pre-Law Students:

On behalf of the Stark County Bar Association's Law Day Committee, it is my pleasure to announce that we will have a "Why I Want To Become A Lawyer" Essay Contest as part of our 2019 Law Week Celebration.

The Law Day Committee is able to offer this contest because of a generous donation from an anonymous donor. We are seeking College Pre-Law students to write about what makes you passionate to join the practice of law, your reasons for pursuing a Juris Doctorate Degree and your current plans upon completion of your degree.

The winning entrant will receive a \$500.00 scholarship and will be our guest at the annual Law Day Luncheon to be held **Wednesday**, **May 1**, **2019** at the Kent State University at Stark, Conference Center.

If you wish to submit an essay, simply complete the enclosed essay entry form and send it along with your essay to the Stark County Bar Association, 400 Courtyard Centre Building, 116 Cleveland Ave., N.W., Canton, Ohio 44702 <u>no later than Wednesday, April 3, 2019</u>. If you need further information, please call me at 330-430-9503.

Thank you for your participation in Law Week 2019.

Very truly yours,

Teresa P. Cusma

Essay Contest Committee Chairman

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## "Why I Want To Become A Lawyer" 2019 Essay Contest - Guidelines & Rules

The Stark County Bar Association presents a Law Day Essay Contest. Focusing on "Why I Want To Become A Lawyer" we ask College Pre-Law students to write about what makes you passionate to join the practice of law.

## **Guidelines & Rules:**

Each student who wishes to participate must write an essay of 1,000 words or less answering the question on "Why I Want To Become A Lawyer". Each essayist is asked to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Describe your reasons for pursuing a Juris Doctorate Degree and your current plans upon completion of your degree.
- All essays should be typewritten in a 12-point font.

All Essays and Entry Forms must be submitted <u>no later than Wednesday April 3, 2019</u> to:

Stark County Bar Association 400 Courtyard Centre Building 116 Cleveland Avenue, NW Canton, Ohio 44702-1728

## Prize:

A \$500.00 Scholarship will be awarded to the top Essayist who will be our guest at the annual Law Day Luncheon to be held **Wednesday**, **May 1, 2019**, at the Kent State University at Stark, Conference Center, located at 6000 Frank Avenue N.W., North Canton. The prize will be awarded to the student at the awards ceremony prior to the luncheon.

Each Entrant may participate in our 2019 Tour de Courts event that will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2019 in downtown Canton from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The Tour is an opportunity to learn about the different courts in Stark County, which are located within walking distance in downtown Canton. Many residents not only do not know where these courts are located, but they also do not understand the types of legal matters that are addressed at each location. The participants will be divided in groups of 20 to 25 students and advisors. There will be an attorney tour guide who will walk with the group to each destination, give them a summary of their next stop, and perhaps even share a legal "war" story with them. At each destination, a representative of the court will explain, among other things, the functions of court and types of cases decided. At some stops, students may view an actual legal proceeding as it occurs. This is a unique opportunity that one advisor described as "the best educational experience he has participated in with his students."

Any questions may be directed to the Stark County Bar Association at 330-453-0685.