2020 Law Day Art Contest
Texas Eastern Federal Court

LAW DAY (May 1st) was established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958. It celebrates and strengthens the American heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under the law. It provides an opportunity to help students and the public understand how the law protects our freedoms through programs and activities conducted by schools, courts, bar associations and civic groups.

THEME: All submittals should be positive messages promoting the theme of
"Americans on the Move"
While it is not the intent to censor any artwork, it should be appropriate for display at the United States Courthouse. Accordingly, partisan political works or works depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or of a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed.

CRITERIA: The contest is open to high school students only (grades 9-12) in Southeast Texas public and private schools within the boundaries of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont Division, including but not limited to the following counties: Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton and Orange. Art entries will be judged on the following criteria: (1) originality; (2) design; (3) technique; (4) content; (5) appeal and (6) adherence to the theme of "***Americans on the Move***."

The entry form must be signed by the teacher, parent and the student certifying the originality of the art piece. Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. The original and one copy of the form must be submitted with the art work. No name or signature should be visible on the front of the art work.

Students may use any medium (water color, acrylic, oil, crayon, chalk, collage, pen & ink, tempera or charcoal). No frame is necessary. No sculpture or three dimensional pieces are allowed. All works must be one of the following dimensions: 24" x 30", 24" x 36", 30" x 40", 32" x 40", 24" x 48 or 36" x 48". Because the wall spaces are vast at the federal courthouse, students are encouraged to submit larger works, if possible.

PRIZES/SCHOLARSHIPS: 1st Place = $1000; 2nd Place = $750.00;
3rd Place = $500.00; 4th Place = $250.00

DEADLINE: Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Finalists will be announced no later than Friday, March 13, 2020. Judges, court personnel, attorneys and other dignitaries will honor prize winners, their parents and teachers at a ceremony to be held at the U.S. Courthouse in Beaumont on Thursday, April 16, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

DISPLAY AT COURTHOUSE: All winning and honorable mention entries will be framed and then displayed for twelve months at the United Stated Courthouse in Beaumont, located at 300 Willow Street. The framed works may be picked up by contest participants, parents or teachers at the end of the twelve-month period.

Americans On The Move