

CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF  
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

1776 — 2026

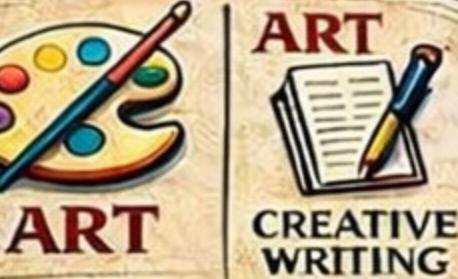


STARK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

## STUDENT CREATIVE SHOWCASE

250  
YEARS

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ART



CREATIVE  
WRITING



VIDEO



PERFORMANCE

### WHY PARTICIPATE?

- ★ Celebrate America's history
- ★ Learn how law connects to everyday life
- ★ Share your creativity and voice
- ★ Be recognized for your work

250  
YEARS

LAW DAY 2026



## LAW DAY 2026 STUDENT CREATIVE SHOWCASE

### Hosted by the Stark County Bar Association

### Theme: “The Declaration of Independence at 250”

#### About the Contest

In celebration of **Law Day 2026**, the **Stark County Bar Association** invites all K-12 students in Stark County, Brown Local, Carrollton Exempted Village, Green Local and Strasburg-Franklin Local School High School to participate in a creative showcase exploring this year's theme:

#### **“The Declaration of Independence at 250”.**

Students are encouraged to reflect on how laws protect freedoms, create opportunities, and shape the American Dream — and to express their ideas through **art, writing, performance, or multimedia**.

#### Who Can Enter?

All K-12 students in Stark County , Brown Local, Carrollton Exempted Village, Green Local and Strasburg-Franklin Local School High School

- Individual or class submissions welcome

#### Creative Categories

Category	Examples	Format
Visual Art	Posters, drawings, paintings, digital art, collages	Physical or digital (PDF/JPG/PNG)
Writing	Poems, short stories, letters, journal entries	Typed (PDF or Word)
Video/Multimedia	Skits, interviews, animations, explainers	MP4 or YouTube/Vimeo link
Performance	Songs, monologues, spoken word, dance	Video recording (MP4 or link)
Photography	Single photo or photo series (max 3)	JPEG/PNG with caption

#### Submission Instructions

- **Deadline:** Friday, March 27, 2026
- **Submit by:**
  - **Email:** SCBANotary@starkctybar.com
  - **Mail or Drop-off:**  
Stark County Bar Association
  - 400 Courtyard Centre Building
  - 116 Cleveland Ave., N.W.
  - Canton, OH 44702

**Each entry must include:**

- Student's full name, grade, school, and teacher/guardian contact including an e-mail address
- Title of the work
- A short **artist statement** (2–4 sentences) explaining how the work connects to the theme

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 **Awards & Recognition**

- Winners selected in each category and grade band:
  - **K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12**
- Prizes may include:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$50.00 and a certificate
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – displayed and shared
  - Public recognition at a **Law Day Celebration**
  - Featured in a “**Voices of Law Day**” online gallery

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 **Judging Rubrics**

 **Visual Art & Photography (Total: 45 points)**

- Creativity & Originality – 10
- Relevance to Theme – 10
- Visual Impact – 10
- Clarity of Message – 10
- Artist Statement – 5

 **Writing (Total: 40 points)**

- Originality & Voice – 10
- Relevance to Theme – 10
- Organization & Clarity – 10
- Grammar & Mechanics – 5
- Artist Statement – 5

 **Video & Performance (Total: 40 points)**

- Creativity & Engagement – 10
- Relevance to Theme – 10
- Clarity of Message – 10
- Technical Quality – 5
- Artist Statement – 5