

Delaware Law Related Education Center
High School Mock Trial Competition
2020 Essay Writing Contest

Welcome to the annual scholarship competition for participants in the Delaware Law Related Education Center's High School Mock Trial Program. Each year, team seniors will have the opportunity to compete for a \$500 scholarship to use toward their college education at the educational institution of their choice.

The competition is simple: Prepare an essay on the following topic:

**How Has the Delaware High School Mock Trial Program Helped
Prepare You to Become a More Effective Citizen?**

Here are the rules:

1. The competition is open to all high school seniors who are expecting to graduate during the 2019-2020 academic year and participate as an attorney, witness and/or timekeeper in 2020 Delaware High School Mock Trial Competition to be held on February 21-22, 2020 at the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center. The competition is also open to all high school seniors who are expecting to graduate during the 2019-2020 academic year and are serving as attorneys, witnesses, and/or timekeeper on the team designated by the Mock Trial Committee pursuant to Rule 3.1 of the Rules of the Competition as the official B Team for the 2020 Delaware High School Mock Trial Competition to be held on February 21-22, 2020, regardless of whether that team ultimately participates in the competition.
2. All entries must be a **minimum** of 500 words and be no longer than 1000 words.
3. All entries must be typed, double-spaced with 12-point font, 1-inch margins.
4. All entries must be received on or before midnight on **Friday, February 14, 2020**.
5. Entries must be submitted via e-mail to anthonyiannini@dwt.com.
6. All entries must also contain the official submission cover page (attached).
7. Drawings, photographs or artwork are not eligible and will not be accepted.
8. All entries must be the work of a single student; no collaborations will be accepted.
9. All entries must be the original work of the student author. No plagiarism. No educator or parental assistance, embellishment or editing will be permitted.

10. Each student may submit only one entry. However, if you wish to make any revisions to your original entry, after it has been submitted, you may do so. If multiple versions are submitted, only the most current version submitted prior to the deadline will be submitted to the judges.

11. A panel will judge all submissions. All essays will be judged on the following criteria:

- Communicated ideas clearly
- Well organized
- Correct syntax, grammar, spelling and punctuation
- Written in compelling and original manner

12. An essay will be disqualified if:

- It is not on the topic
- It is submitted after midnight on February 14, 2020
- It is less than 500 or more than 1000 words
- It is not the student's original work

13. The decision of the judges is final.

14. Winner will be announced at the Mock Trial Awards Banquet on Saturday, February 22, 2020. Winning entry will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 in the form of a check payable to the winner or to the educational institution of his or her choice. Scholarship must be used for educational purposes only (i.e., tuition, books, and/or dormitory expenses).

15. A student's submission indicates full acceptance of these rules.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at 302-270-6242 or via e-mail at anthonyiannini@dwt.com. I wish you all the best of luck.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Iannini,
Scholarship Director

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Entry Cover Form

YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR HIGH SCHOOL: _____

CURRENT AGE: _____ CURRENT GRADE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

CELL NUMBER: _____

CAREER GOAL/INTEREST: _____

I hereby certify that I have read and agree to abide by the rules of the 2020 Mock Trial Writing Contest and that the written work submitted is entirely my own.

Student's Signature

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Please submit this Cover Form, along with your submission, on or before midnight on February 14, 2020 to anthonyiannini@dwt.com.