



SCWLA

SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

South Carolina Women Lawyers Association **2026 Law Day Essay Competition**

The South Carolina Women Lawyers Association (SCWLA), which was founded in 1993 by courageous women wanting to create a forum and a safe space for women lawyers in the state, is South Carolina's oldest and most prominently recognized statewide women's bar association. SCWLA, through the advocacy, action and association of our members takes positive steps to ensure that women lawyers achieve their fair share of opportunities and benefits available to those in the legal profession.

National Law Day is celebrated annually on May 1 to commemorate the role of law and is a time to show support for protecting the laws of our country. The principles of judicial independence and the legal profession are cornerstones of American democracy. On May 1, 2026, attorneys, law students, and judges will join for a powerful demonstration to defend these essential foundations of our democracy.

To that end, SCWLA is pleased to announce that we are accepting essay submissions for our 2026 SCWLA Law Day Essay Competition. SCWLA will be awarding (1) \$150.00 cash prize for the winning essay. Submissions are due by April 13, and the award recipient will be notified by April 24, and invited to accept their prize on May 1 at the Law Day celebration.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to direct them to allycebailey@gmail.com.

Scholarship Application Requirements

- A completed essay contest application
- Scholarship Essay
 - 500 Words or less
 - Double Spaced

ESSAY PROMPT

The 2026 Law Day theme is “The Rule of Law and the American Dream.” The rule of law—the idea that no person is above the law—is what ensures the rights of the people to live their lives as freely as possible and to pursue their dreams. Reflect in your essay how the rule of law ensures all Americans have the ability to fulfill their dreams.

All materials should be submitted in PDF format to allycebailey@gmail.com by April 13, 2026, addressed to the SCWLA Essay Committee.



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Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Extracurricular Involvement:
