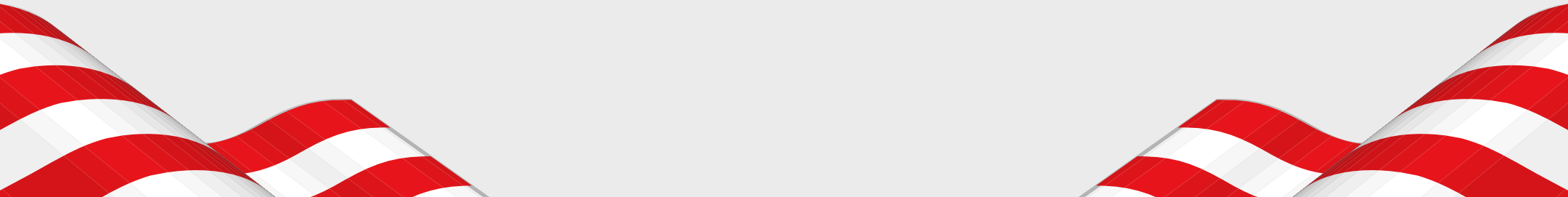




# LAW DAY ESSAY CONTEST 2025

THE CONSTITUTION'S PROMISE: OUT  
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## Framework

The Preamble to the Constitution boldly asserts that the Framers established the Constitution as representatives of “We the People, in Order to Form a More Perfect Union.” The Constitution establishes a framework for government that unites us as one citizenry, through means such as our representative government, jury service, and a regular Census. And through this commitment to our Union, we each provide for the common good through government responses to national crises and natural disasters, and through community and advocacy programs for students and adults.

## Discussion Topics

The Constitution establishes a government designed to respond to national emergencies and crises, ensuring stability and security for its people. Over time, government responses to events such as natural disasters, pandemics, and economic downturns have shaped the nation’s commitment to the common good. However, these efforts often depend on both governmental action and individual contributions.

- How does the Constitution provide a framework for responding to crises? Consider federalism, the separation of powers, and government agencies.
- What historical examples illustrate how the U.S. government and its citizens have worked together to address national emergencies?
- What role do community organizations, volunteers, and individuals play in disaster relief and crisis response?
- How do national emergencies test democratic norms and individual rights, and how should governments balance public safety with constitutional freedoms?





## Contest Rules and Information



This essay competition is sponsored by the West Pasco Bar Association.

Contest winners & their parents will be invited to attend the West Pasco Bar Association's Installation Banquet at Spartan Manor. Essay winners will be notified of the date and time of the banquet where the winners will receive their prize.

All essays must be submitted by **April 12, 2025**.

Essays should be no longer than 750 words, typed, and double space.

Email your submission in PDF or WORD format along with your name, contact information, and the school you attend to: **[wpascobar@gmail.com](mailto:wpascobar@gmail.com)**.

The West Pasco Bar Association will select finalists and they will be judged on format, clarity, style, reasoning, creativity, and overall effort.

