

2024

LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN

DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

GENERAL RULES

- All entries must address the topic and a plan to resolve the problem in the subject matter.
- Entries must be submitted to info@law-nashville.org no later than 3:00 pm CST, March 15, 2024.
- Entry must include the following information:
 - Student's full name & name of guardian
 - Student's guardian's telephone number & email
 - Name of the student's school
 - Student's grade level

Failure to abide by these rules will result in disqualification of the entry.

ESSAY QUESTION

Attorney Lutie Lytle, the daughter of former slaves, was a trailblazer as the first African American woman to be admitted to the practice of law in Tennessee. She would later become the first African American woman to be admitted to practice in Kansas and would also become licensed to practice in New York. How does Attorney Lytle's journey and that of so many others underscore the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion as instruments of change and fairness?

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Originality
- Creativity
- Clarity
- Persuasiveness
- Quality

The essay must be written by one author and must be the author's original, unpublished work. The essay must be between 750 and 1000 words. (12-point Times New Roman, double-spaced.)

Please submit essays to info@law-nashville.org by March 15, 2024.

CRITERIA & ELIGIBILITY

The award is presented for the best paper response to an issue related to justice, law, and advocacy.

The contest is open to all students in the 9-12th grades in Middle TN.

All entries are due by March 15, 2024.

PRIZES

First Place

- \$300
- Certificate of achievement
- Invitation to attend the Annual LAW Awards Dinner, April 11, 2024, Music City Center with one family member to read essay and receive award
- Submission featured in an issue of *LAW Matters*

Second Place

- \$150
- Certificate of achievement

Third Place

- \$50
- Certificate of achievement



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Women's Diversity Equity
& Inclusion Committee**