



2020 LAW DAY PODCAST CONTEST

Amendment XIX – The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

Contest Question

In celebration of Law Day, the Idaho Law Foundation is sponsoring a podcast contest to encourage students in grades 9 to 12 to explore the 2020 Law Day theme *Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19th Amendment at 100* by creating a podcast that addresses the prompt below.

Susan B. Anthony was a women’s rights activist who fought for women’s suffrage. She once said, “Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it.” As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, let’s explore voting rights in our country. Why should people, as Anthony said, exercise their right to vote?

Here are some possible discussion points to cover in the podcast. These points are not required to be covered but are suggestions to get the ideas flowing.

- ❖ The history of the United States is filled with examples of the pursuit to increase access to voting rights. Research some of the leaders (either past or present or both) who have worked to increase access to voting. Why have they taken on this work? What contributions did they make?
- ❖ Analyze whether or not you agree that all citizens in this country should be able to vote.
- ❖ Investigate some of the obstacles that still stand in the way of people being able to vote. What needs to be done to continue increasing access to voting?
- ❖ On average about 60% of eligible voters choose to vote in presidential election years and only about 40% in mid-term years. Consider some possible reasons voter turnout in the United States is lower than most other established democracies. What can we do to inspire more eligible voter to participate in elections?

Contest Guidelines

Podcast submissions must meet the following parameters:

- ❖ The audio podcast is between 5 and 10 minutes in length
- ❖ The podcast can be created individually or in groups of 2 to 3
- ❖ Podcast is submitted in MP3 format by Wednesday, April 15, 2020.
- ❖ The podcast is based on the guiding question and follows the criteria included on the [Idaho Law Day Podcast Rubric](#) (see below)
- ❖ The podcast is submitted using the online [Podcast Submission Form](#), which requires entrants to certify that the submission:
 - Is original work
 - Follows the Fair Use Doctrine for using clips that are the intellectual property of someone else
 - Includes a release form for everyone who worked on and is heard in the podcast
 - Includes a citation list of sources (Shownotes) used in the creation of the podcast

Contest Prizes

The top 3 entries will be awarded cash prizes (please note that if a prize is awarded to students who submit a podcast as a group, the prize money for will be shared among group members):

- ❖ **First Place:** \$1,000
- ❖ **Second Place:** \$500
- ❖ **Third Place:** \$250

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