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Ninth Circuit Civics Contest Deadline Extended

SAN FRANCISCO – Deadline to submit entries is extended for the 2024 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest, an annual essay and video contest. The extended deadline is **Friday, March 15, 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time.**

The contest is open to high school students residing in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington state, the United States Territory of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The theme of the contest is “**70 Years Later—The Legacy of Brown v. Board of Education**.” In addressing the theme, students are asked to discuss what impact they think Brown has had and why in an essay of 500-1,000 words or in a 3-5 minute video. Contest rules are available on the civics contest website at <https://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/civicscontest/>.

Essay and video winners at the **circuit level** will share \$11,400 in total cash prizes—\$3,000 for first place, \$1,700 for second place and \$1,000 for third place. Furthermore, first-place winners at the **circuit level** will be invited to attend the 2024 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, where students will be recognized for their achievements and also participate in a special panel discussion with members of the bench and bar. Additionally, many students will have a chance to win cash prizes in local civics contests sponsored by federal judicial districts throughout the Ninth Circuit that will select their winners, who will then advance as finalists at the circuit level.

The contest is sponsored by the Ninth Circuit’s Public Information and Community Outreach ([PICO](#)) Committee, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the U.S. district and bankruptcy courts in the 15 judicial districts that comprise the Ninth Circuit. Finalists will be announced in May and the winners in June.

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