

**THE CONNECTICUT BAR FOUNDATION
JAMES W. COOPER FELLOWS
QUINTIN JOHNSTONE
2018-2019 ESSAY CONTEST RULES**

- The contest is open to all Connecticut school students, enrolled in grades 9-12 or their equivalent, attending an accredited high school, vocational-technical school or adult high school credit diploma program (collectively “schools”) located within the State of Connecticut (“Connecticut school”) who are under the age of 21. The contest is also open to all Connecticut home-schooled students in grades equivalent to grades 9-12.
- All entries must be the student’s original work. Any passages paraphrased or quoted from other sources must be referenced in a “Work Cited” page. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of the entry. Sources and reference materials are not limited to those provided by the Connecticut Bar Foundation James W. Cooper Fellows.
- Entries from Connecticut school students must be submitted through the auspices of the Connecticut school which he or she attends. Selection of the School Finalist Entries to submit to the contest is within the sole discretion of the school. Each teacher shall select no more than three entries per class (i.e., if a teacher teaches the same subject at two different class periods or the same one semester class in two different semesters, that teacher may submit up to six entries). Teachers of any subject may submit entries. There is no limit on the number of teachers who may submit entries from a single school. School counselors may submit no more than three entries per semester. There is no limit on the number of school counselors who may submit entries from a single school. Home-schooled students are exempt from this rule and may submit their entries to the Connecticut Bar Foundation (“Foundation”) directly. Only one entry per home-schooled student is allowed.
- Entries should be approximately 1000 words in length, typewritten, double spaced and paginated. So that it may be screened and judged anonymously, **no name or identifying references (the school, teacher/counselor, grade level, age, etc.) may appear on the title page or anywhere in the entry.** Each submission will be assigned an identification number by the Foundation.

Please submit **nine** hard copies of each entry.

- **Entries must be postmarked no later than February 22, 2019** and mailed to the Connecticut Bar Foundation, 31 Pratt Street, Suite 420, Hartford, CT 06103.
- All entries to the statewide contest must be accompanied by **one copy** of the following:

High School Students:

- 1) Submittal Form (Form 1).
- 2) Student Entry and Release Form (Form 2).
- 3) Parent/Guardian Release Form (Form 3) if the entrant is under 18.

Home-Schooled Students:

- 1) Home-Schooled Submittal Form (Form 1H)
- 2) Home-Schooled Student Entry and Release Form (Form 2-H)
- 3) Parent/Guardian Release Form (Form 3) if the entrant is under 18.

Contest winners will be announced mid to late May 2019.