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Essay Contest

Hello, Franklin County 8th graders!

We're excited to announce that the Franklin County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division, along with the Franklin County Bar Foundation, is hosting an essay contest just for you! This is a fantastic opportunity to express your thoughts and make your voice heard.

Here's how it works: Write a letter to your representative or senator about an issue in your community that you care about. Tell them what action you'd like them to take to help address it.

And don't forget, there are some great prizes up for grabs! You could win \$200 for 1st place, \$100 for 2nd place, or \$50 for 3rd place. We'll announce the winners on Law Day, May 23rd, at the Franklin County Courthouse.

****Here are the Contest Rules:****

- Your essay should be no more than **500** words.
- Make sure to email your essay to us by Thursday, April 2nd, to be considered.
- Send your essay to director@franklinbar.org and include your name, school name, teacher's name, and your teacher's email.
- We'll be judging the essays based on a middle school writing rubric.
- Essays become the property of the Franklin County Bar Association and may be posted on our website.

We can't wait to read your essays and see what important issues you want to highlight! Good luck!