

HAWAII COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION 2021 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

- Amount: **Maximum of \$1,000**
- Eligibility: Any senior graduating from a Hawaii Island high school (Public, Private, or Charter) in 2021, who has been accepted into an accredited trade school, community college, college or university. The winning applicants will have to show proof of eligibility, which may consist of copies of a high school diploma, and an acceptance letter to accredited school or other acceptable documents.
- Topic: The First Amendment of the United States Constitution reads:
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.
Please read the attached article and write an essay answering the following questions: Can social media companies, like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and You Tube, prohibit, restrict, and/or remove posts on their platforms and ban people from posting on its sites? Are all social media users protected by the First Amendment's freedom of speech?
- Judging: The winner shall be determined by the Hawaii County Bar Association Board based upon originality, clarity, and persuasiveness.
- Entry Deadline: Entries must be received by **Tuesday, June 15, 2021**, by 4:30 p.m. Late entries will not be considered.
- Notification: The winner will be notified on **Wednesday, June 30, 2021**, via telephone. Non-winning entrants will be notified via email.
- Format: 1,000-word limit, hard copy (double space), in 12-point Times New Roman or equivalent font, to be delivered by mail to James Kunimura, c/o Nakamoto, Okamoto, Yamamoto, 187 Kapiolani St., Hilo, HI 96720, or by e-mail to james@noyhawaii.com in PDF format. Essays will not be returned. Essays must also contain the entrant's name, email address, name of high school graduating from, and name of school/college/university that entrant will be attending, address, phone number, and e-mail.
- Award: A ceremony will be held for the winning entrants via zoom on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. where the winner will be acknowledged by Hawaii State Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald. Attendance at the award ceremony is mandatory, and if the winning entrant is unable to attend, a parent may attend in their place.