



“Trial by Jury – You Decide!” Essay contest Rules

Eligibility: high school students (11th and 12th grades) and State University law school students (1st and 2nd years); to be eligible, all students must study in cities that host an American Corner: Akhaltsikhe, Batumi, Gori, Khashuri, Rustavi, Tbilisi, Telavi and Zugdidi. Students who do not study in one of these cities are not eligible for this contest.

Rules:

- The essay should be typed in Georgian and be no longer than two A4 pages, with double spacing, and 2 cm margins. The 12 point AcadNusx font in Microsoft Word must be used;
- The essay’s maximum length should be 300 words, the minimum- 260 words;
- The word document should be named with your last name-first name (ex., Kiknadze-Nana – Trial by Jury.doc);
- Write your personal information on page #1 of the essay that must include: your name/age/address/city/phone number/ email address/school or university and faculty name;
- Start the essay on page 2, and complete it on page 3;
- Do not write your name or other personal information on the essay itself (no personal information on pages 2 and 3);
- Any essay lacking all the required personal information, or not conforming with the rules for typing the essay will be disqualified.

Due Date:

Essays should be submitted electronically to AC-Georgia@State.Gov by April 29th. All participants will receive an application receipt confirmation.

Winners:

Members of Prosecution Service of Georgia will review the essays and send the best ones to the U.S embassy committee for the final decision. The Embassy committee will determine three winners in category I (high school) and three winners in category II (university/college law students). Winners will be announced in May. Another six runner-ups will also be selected to participate in activities in Tbilisi.

Winners and alternates will

- attend the U.S. Embassy prize and certificates ceremony,

- visit the Tbilisi City Court to meet a judge and/or prosecutors, and
 - participate in a mock jury trial.
- The winners' essays will be placed on the Embassy's facebook website.

Prizes:

- 1st place winner – Laptop computer
- 2nd place winner – Photo camera
- 3rd place winner – iPod

For more information about the American Corners program or the essay contests, please contact Ketii Asatashvili at the Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy in Tbilisi (+995 32) 277 609, AsatashviliK@state.gov or visit your local American Corners for more details (http://georgia.usembassy.gov/american-corners-2/essay_contest3.html).

Information Resources: Students may find additional information about Jury Trials through the America.Gov website (<http://www.america.gov/media/pdf/ejs/0709.pdf#popup> *Anatomy of a Jury Trial*), www.msajuli.ge and also at American Corners in Telavi, Rustavi, Tbilisi, Gori, Khashuri, Akhaltsikhe, Zugdidi, and Batumi (addresses can be found at <http://georgia.usembassy.gov/american-corners-2.html>).

Open Doors with Prosecutors at American Corners (addresses can be found at <http://georgia.usembassy.gov/american-corners-2.html>).

- April 6, 16:00 – Tbilisi Youth Palace
Prosecutor Girshel Dzebniauri
- April 7, 15:00 – Rustavi Central Library
Prosecutor Lasha Areshidze
- April 12, 15:00 – Khashuri Central Library
Prosecutor Mikheil Shakulashvili
- April 12, 15:00 – Batumi Central Library
Prosecutor Simon Gogilashvili
- April 13, 15:00 – Akhaltsikhe Central Library
Prosecutor Giorgi Vanidze
- April 13, 15:00 – Gori Central Library
Prosecutor Nika Dgebuaдзе
- April 15, 15:00 – Telavi Central Library
Prosecutor Levan Sachishvili