

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

Burg Simpson is a leading law firm, both nationally and in Colorado. For the past 40+ years, our attorneys have fought tirelessly to protect the legal rights of injured and wronged individuals.

At Burg Simpson, we recognize the importance of access to a good education. In 2012, we launched the Burg Simpson Scholarship Competition. Each year we encourage Colorado high school seniors from across the state to write a 1,500 word essay about the importance of the civil jury system as the guardian of American rights and liberties.



Previous scholarship winner with the Burg Simpson Team

Through our partnership with the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) over the past 9 years, we have awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships to college-bound students.

QUESTIONS?

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TEN
COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED
Top Award
of \$2,500

2020-2021

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“Trial by jury is the bright constellation
which leads to liberty, peace, and safety.”

-Thomas Jefferson

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SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION TOPIC

THE JURY SYSTEM AS THE PROTECTOR OF RIGHTS

Write an original essay of 1,500 words or less that describes:

- How the civil jury system protects your rights as a citizen
- How the civil jury system in the United States is being threatened
- The importance of preserving the civil jury system for future generations

DID YOU KNOW?

Civil and criminal law are two separate legal systems with different rules, laws and standards. **Essay submissions about the criminal justice system will not be considered.**

Not sure what the difference is between the civil justice system and criminal justice system?

START
HERE

CIVIL VS. CRIMINAL

| CIVIL | DIFFERENCE | CRIMINAL |
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| DEALS WITH THE DISPUTES BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS, OR BETWEEN THE TWO, IN WHICH COMPENSATION IS AWARDED TO THE VICTIM | | DEALS WITH CRIME AND THE LEGAL PUNISHMENT OF INJURIES TO THE PUBLIC |
| EXAMPLES Torts, Negligence, Product Defects, Breach of Contract | | EXAMPLES Murder, Theft, Assault, Speeding |
| CIVIL | OUTCOME | CRIMINAL |
| DEFENDANT CAN BE FOUND LIABLE OR NOT LIABLE | | DEFENDANT IS EITHER CONVICTED OR ACQUITTED |
| COMPENSATION TO PLAINTIFF FOR INJURIES OR DAMAGES | | IMPRISONMENT OR FINES IMPOSED ON DEFENDANT |
| JURY? Maybe | | JURY? Always |
| YOUR ESSAY SHOULD EXPLAIN WHY A CIVIL JURY IS IMPORTANT IN PROTECTING INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS. | | |
| HERE'S A GOOD PLACE TO START YOUR RESEARCH: Sacks, Stanley, <i>Preservation of the Civil Jury System</i> , Washington & Lee Law Review http://scholarlycommons.law.wlu.edu/wluir/vol22/iss1/5/ | | |
| FOR ADDITIONAL RESEARCH IDEAS, VISIT BURGSIMPSON.COM/SCHOLARSHIP | | |



SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

AWARDS

One scholarship of \$2,500 and nine scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded to graduating seniors to attend the college of their choice.

All 10 winners, their families, and a teacher of their choice will be invited to a dinner held in their honor. Winners will also appear at center court during half-time of the Colorado State Boys Basketball Championship game at the Denver Coliseum in Denver, Colorado March, 2021.

ELIGIBILITY

Any graduating high school senior enrolled in a Colorado accredited school can enter.

TIMELINE

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| APPLICATIONS DUE | FEBRUARY 1, 2021 |
| WINNERS NOTIFIED | FEBRUARY 15, 2021 |
| BASKETBALL GAME | MARCH 2021 (DATE TBA) |
| SCHOLARSHIP DINNER | APRIL 2021 (DATE TBA) |

RULES

COMPLETE RULES AND APPLICATION INFORMATION:
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