

**2021 Hon. Francis J. Darigan, Jr. Rhode Island Law Day Essay Contest**  
*Guidelines and Rules*

**American Society and the Rule of Law**

The Rhode Island Judiciary, the Rhode Island Bar Association, and the Rhode Island Police Chief's Association are pleased to announce the eighteenth annual *Hon. Francis J. Darigan, Jr. Rhode Island Law Day Essay Contest*. **The Contest is open to all Rhode Island 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students attending school in Rhode Island, but only to those grades.** Through the generosity of the Rhode Island Bar Association and the Rhode Island Police Chief's Association, the **first place essay author receives a \$1,000 scholastic award** and an engraved trophy cup. The winner's school receives a permanent plaque and the annual Law Day Essay Award Trophy to display until the next Contest. This year, a **second place essay author** will also be recognized with a **\$250 scholastic award** donated by the Edward P. Gallogly Family Law Inns of Court. We encourage all 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade Rhode Island students to participate. The following guidelines and rules apply:

*The 2021 Rhode Island Law Day Essay Contest*

All essay entrants must, in no more than 1,000 words, discuss what the rule of law means to them and where it fits into an orderly and just society.

**Background information on this topic *American Society and the Rule of Law* can be found on the Bar Association website [www.ribar.com](http://www.ribar.com) under: For The Public – 2021 Law Day.** Students are also encouraged to draw on additional resources, but all outside information must be properly credited.

**A completed Student Entry form, signed by the sponsoring teacher, must accompany each essay entry.** Essays must not exceed 1,000 words. The essays are reviewed and the first and second place winners are selected by members of the faculty of the Roger Williams University School of Law.

**All entries must be received no later than Monday, May 10, 2021.**

Essays are submitted to:

[kbridge@ribar.com](mailto:kbridge@ribar.com)

**OR**

**2021 Law Day Essay Contest  
Rhode Island Bar Association  
41 Sharpe Drive  
Cranston, RI 02920**

Winners shall be announced on or before June 1, 2021.

Please direct any questions concerning the 2021 Rhode Island Law Day Essay Contest to: The Rhode Island Bar Association: Kathleen Bridge, Deputy Director, by telephone: 401-421-5740 or email: [kbridge@ribar.com](mailto:kbridge@ribar.com)