2023 Hon. Francis J. Darigan, Jr. Rhode Island Law Day Essay Contest
Guidelines and Rules

Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration

The Rhode Island Judiciary, the Rhode Island Bar Association, and the Rhode Island Police Chief's Association are pleased to announce the twentieth annual *Hon. Francis J. Darigan, Jr. Rhode Island Law Day Essay Contest.* **The Contest is open to all Rhode Island 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students attending school in Rhode Island, but only to those grades.** Through the generosity of the Rhode Island Bar Association, the Rhode Island Bar Foundation, and the Rhode Island Police Chief's Association, the **first place essay author receives a $2,000 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 **$500 scholastic award** donated by the Edward P. Gallogly Family Law Inns of Court and the Rhode Island Bar Foundation. We encourage all 10th,11th, and 12th grade Rhode Island students to participate. The following guidelines and rules apply:

The 2023 Rhode Island Law Day Essay Contest

All essay entrants must, in no more than 1,000 words, describe how collective behavior can influence and change society and why those changes are important to the preservation of democracy

Background information on this topic *Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration* can be found on the Bar Association website www.ribar.com under: For The Public – 2023 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 Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

Essays are submitted to:

ecute@ribar.com
OR
2023 Law Day Essay Contest
Rhode Island Bar Association
41 Sharpe Drive
Cranston, RI 02920

Winners shall be announced on or before June 1, 2023.

Please direct any questions concerning the 2023 Rhode Island Law Day Essay Contest to: The Rhode Island Bar Association: Erin Cute, Director of Communications, by telephone: 401-421-5740 or email: ecute@ribar.com