

2025 Hon. Francis J. Darigan, Jr. Rhode Island Law Day Essay Contest The Constitution's Promise: Out of Many, One

The Rhode Island Judiciary, Rhode Island Bar Association, Rhode Island Bar Foundation, and Rhode Island Police Chief's Association are pleased to announce the 22nd 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. The **second-place winner** will receive a **\$500 scholastic award** generously donated by the Edward P. Gallogly Family Law Inn of Court and the Rhode Island Bar Foundation. The **third-place winner** will be recognized with a **\$100 scholastic award** donated by the Rhode Island Bar Association. We encourage all 10th, 11th, and 12th grade Rhode Island students to participate.

2025 Essay Prompt

In no more 1,000 words, all essay entries should reflect the student's interpretation of the 2025 Law Day theme by responding to the following prompt:

To further instill pride in our Constitution, depict the ways in which the rule of law bridges our differences to bring us together as a united nation and explain why this is an essential part of being an American citizen.

Contest Rules & Guidelines

- **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 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 12, 2025.**

Background information on this topic *The Constitution's Promise: Out of Many, One* can be found on the Bar Association website www.ribar.com under: For the Public – 2025 Law Day. Students are also encouraged to draw on additional resources, but all outside information must be properly credited.

Essays are submitted to:

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OR

**2025 Law Day Essay Contest
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Please direct any questions concerning the 2025 Rhode Island Law Day Essay Contest to the Rhode Island Bar Association: Allison Baker, Programs Coordinator, by telephone: 401-421-5740 or email: abaker@ribar.com.