

2020 Hon. Francis J. Darigan, Jr. Rhode Island Law Day Essay Contest
Guidelines and Rules

Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19th Amendment at 100

The Rhode Island Judiciary, the Rhode Island Bar Association, and the Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association are pleased to announce the seventeenth annual *Hon. Francis J. Darigan, Jr. Rhode Island Law Day Essay Contest*. **The Contest is open to all Rhode Island 10th and 11th 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 Chiefs' 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 10th and 11th grade Rhode Island students to participate. The following guidelines and rules apply:

The 2020 Rhode Island Law Day Essay Contest

All essay entries must, in no more than 1,000 words, discuss what the right to vote and equality means to the student and the importance of ensuring full suffrage for all citizens.

Background information on this topic *Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society* can be found on the Bar Association website www.ribar.com under: For The Public – 2020 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 11, 2020.

Essays are submitted to:

kbridge@ribar.com

OR

**2020 Law Day Essay Contest
Rhode Island Bar Association
41 Sharpe Drive
Cranston, RI 02920**

Winners shall be announced on or before June 1, 2020.

Please direct any questions concerning the 2020 Rhode Island Law Day Essay Contest to: The Rhode Island Bar Association: Kathleen Bridge, Director of Communications, by telephone: 401-421-5740 or email: kbridge@ribar.com