

ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY



PARALEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

2009 ELEANOR ROOSEVELT
ESSAY COMPETITION

NAME _____

UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE _____

MAJOR _____ GRADUATION DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

TITLE OF ESSAY _____

COMPETITION RULES

1. The essay must respond to and address one of the four questions listed on the opposite side of this form.
2. Your essay must be typed (double- or triple-spaced) and should be 2,000 words in length (roughly five double-spaced pages). Grammar and punctuation will be considered. Unduly long or short essays will be penalized.
3. Your essay must be submitted together with this completed and signed scholarship application form to **Scholarship Competition, Roosevelt University Paralegal Studies Program, 430 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60605.**
4. All essays must be postmarked on or before January 13, 2010, to be eligible for the Eleanor Roosevelt Essay Competition. Winners will be announced within thirty days of the due date.
5. All essays submitted become the property of the Paralegal Studies Program. Final judging will be conducted by a panel consisting of members of the Paralegal Studies Program faculty, administration and/or advisory board. All decisions of the panel are final.
6. Scholarship applicants need not have applied to the Paralegal Studies Program to be eligible for this competition. However, winners must submit an application by January 15, 2010 and attend the Paralegal Studies Program during one of the following semesters: Spring 2010, Summer 2010 or Fall 2010, to utilize their scholarships. Scholarship winners must satisfy all requirements for admission to the Paralegal Studies Program.
7. All scholarship monies are applied to tuition charges only.
8. If I am a scholarship winner, I grant permission to the Paralegal Studies Program, Roosevelt University to publish and otherwise use my essay as they see fit.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the above rules.

Scholarship Applicant's Signature

Date

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The United States Supreme Court recently announced that it will review a lower court ruling in the case of *McDonald v. City of Chicago* that upheld a handgun ban in Chicago. The decision could affect similar bans in place throughout the country. If you were on the Supreme Court, how would you decide this case? Why?

President Obama has made an overhaul of the nation's health care system a top priority. One of the most contentious aspects being considered as part of health care reform is the so-called public option. Supporters of the public option believe that it is a way to ensure competition and to drive down the cost of insurance. Opponents believe the public option will result in government-run health care. Do you think health care reform should include a public option?

Recently in Chicago, a man was charged in the death of a pregnant woman when she was killed in a wreck that occurred when he ran a red light while driving impaired. He had been cited more than a dozen times in the past for driving without a valid license. He did not have insurance or a valid driver's license at the time of the incident. Traffic safety experts claim that preventing unlicensed driving is difficult. Some motorists just ignore the rules. What suggestions do you have for preventing similar tragedies in the future?

Audio and video broadcasts have never been allowed in U.S. District Courts. However, after a recent incident in Illinois in which a federal judge allowed a TV camera in his courtroom, many are questioning the policy. The judge mistakenly believed he had the authority to allow the camera because of the high public interest in the case that he was hearing. The Illinois appellate courts, including the Illinois Supreme Court have allowed audio and video recording devices upon request since 1985. Do you believe the U.S. District Court's policy is outdated? Discuss the pros and cons of allowing broadcasts of court proceedings.

FIRST PLACE

ONE \$3,000 TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

SECOND PLACE

THREE \$1,000 TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS