



# ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY

## PARALEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

### 2009 FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT ESSAY COMPETITION

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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 July 31, 2009, 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 August 15, 2009 and attend the Paralegal Studies Program during one of the following semesters: Fall 2009, Spring 2010 or Summer 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.

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Scholarship Applicant's Signature

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Date

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### 2009 Franklin D. Roosevelt Essay Competition

Last month, the Illinois House overwhelmingly passed a bill to require police to take a DNA sample from anyone arrested for a felony. It is expected that the Senate will also soon pass the bill. Close to 20 states have a similar law. Proponents believe that such laws help solve crimes. The DNA sample is entered into a database, which can then be cross-checked with evidence from other crimes. Critics argue that taking DNA from someone who has been arrested, but not yet charged or convicted, is an unwarranted invasion of privacy and a violation of the state constitution. Discuss whether or not you think this law should be enacted in Illinois.

Drug violence in Mexico has been escalating. Estimates indicate that thousands have lost their lives in this “war on drugs.” In response, the United States and Mexican governments have added troops and police and have increased border patrols. Some believe that a better response to this escalating violence is to legalize all drugs in a manner similar to the legalization of alcohol when Prohibition was repealed in the United States in 1933. Do you agree with this response?

In the wake of the arrest and indictment of former Governor Rod Blagojevich, Governor Pat Quinn established the Illinois Reform Commission. The commission has set forth several recommendations to reform Illinois government. One of the many recommendations is to limit how long lawmakers can serve as House speaker and Senate president. Do you believe such term limits should be established?

President Obama wants to close the military detention center at Guantanamo Bay Cuba because he believes the prison has made the United States less safe and because operating the prison sets back the country’s “moral authority.” His plan is opposed by both congressional Democrats and Republicans out of concern that closing the facility will endanger our national security. Do you think the Guantanamo Bay prison should be shuttered?

#### FIRST PLACE

**ONE \$3,000 TUITION SCHOLARSHIP**

#### SECOND PLACE

**THREE \$1,000 TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS**