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# *Law School News*

## RWU Law Announces RBG Contest for K-12 Students

Rhode Island elementary, middle and high School students are invited to submit drawings, essays on how iconic U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has inspired them

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Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg at RWU Law in 2018.

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Roger Williams University School of Law, Rhode Island's only law school, is inviting Ocean State students from grades K through 12 to submit essays and drawings on how they have been

inspired by the legacy of late Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the Supreme Court of the United States, who passed away in September.

The winning entries will be published in *Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly*, as well as being featured on the law school's website and receiving cash and book awards. All entries must be received by Friday, January 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. (EDT). Children of current employees or students of Roger Williams University and Roger Williams University School of Law are *not* eligible to participate. Children of alumni *are* eligible.

"Justice Ginsburg cared about equality for all people," noted RWU Law Professor Emily Sack, who advises the school's Women's Law Society. "When she started her fight for women's equality under the law, it seemed like an impossible task, but she worked hard and persisted, and made great strides for the things she believed in.

"She also knew that this is not something she could accomplish alone, and that we all have a part to play in making a better world," Sack added. "She famously said, 'Fight for things you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.' At RWU Law, we thought this essay contest would be a wonderful way for all of us, and especially our state's students, to be inspired by Justice Ginsburg's life and her call to action."

Details of the contest for each age group are as follows:

- Elementary School (Grades K-5)
  - Create an original piece of artwork on the theme, "How has RBG inspired me?" The artwork may not be traced or copied. Only original works will be considered.
  - Give your artwork a title or short description. Place title at the top of your page.
  - Use the materials that you have available; for example, pencil, crayons, watercolor and markers. Use 8½ x 11" paper.
  - Artwork submissions may be photographed or scanned and then emailed.
  - PRIZE: \$75 and one copy of *I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark* by Debbie Levy
- Middle School (Grades 6-8)
  - Compose an original essay on the theme, "How has RBG inspired me?"
  - Length limited to one page, double-spaced (about 250 words)
  - PRIZE: \$100 and one copy of *Notorious RBG Young Readers' Edition: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg* by Irin Carmon & Shana Knizhnik
- High School (Grades 9-12)
  - Compose an original essay on the theme, "How has RBG inspired me?"
  - Length limited to two pages, double-spaced (about 500 words)
  - PRIZE: \$150 and one copy of *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg* by Irin Carmon & Shana Knizhnik

For all categories, the essay/artwork title should be at the top of page one. Artworks may be scanned. All submissions should be emailed to [RBGessay@rwu.edu](mailto:RBGessay@rwu.edu). Email submissions must include the student's name, grade and school; the title of artwork or essay; and a parent or guardian's name and contact information. Entries will be reviewed by grade level, and one

winning submission will be selected from each category. Mailed entries will not be considered. Judging will be conducted by members of RWU Law's Women's Law Society.

All winning submissions will be announced at the annual Women in Law Leadership Lecture on Wednesday, March 3, published in *Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly*, and featured on RWU Law's website. Questions may be directed to [RBGessay@rwu.edu](mailto:RBGessay@rwu.edu).