

**GALVESTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION
2015–2016**

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Via Mail and Email

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Re: 2016 Galveston County Young Section Scholarship Program

Dear Counselor:

The Galveston County Young Lawyers Section (“GCYLS”) is now accepting applications from students who indicate an interest in pursuing a secondary degree toward a career in the legal profession, including, but not limited to, the practice of law, law enforcement or public service. Applications are being solicited from various high schools in Galveston County, and we would like to encourage your students to participate.

The GCYLS will award several scholarships to Galveston County high school seniors in the graduating class of 2016. At this time, we anticipate awarding several \$1,000 scholarships. Additionally, the Bill Todd Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 will be awarded to the applicant that demonstrates a devotion to his or her community through extracurricular activities. All scholarship awards will be based on responses to the attached application.

Please distribute the enclosed application form and essay question to all interested seniors and make sure they include information in the following areas:

- (1) Activities, both in high school and in the community, emphasizing activities which will prepare the student for a career in his or her field;
- (2) Name of the college or university the student will be attending;
- (3) Financial need, if applicable; and
- (4) Concise essay on the topic listed in the application.

The scholarships will be presented to the winners at our Annual Law Day Luncheon at the San Luis Resort in Galveston on Thursday, April 28, 2016. The selected students, and their counselors, will be notified in advance of the luncheon.

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**GALVESTON COUNTY YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION
2016 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

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**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND ESSAYS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAIL OR EMAIL NO LATER
THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2016 AT 5:00 PM**

To: Laura Hughes
American National Insurance Company
One Moody Plaza, 14th floor
Galveston, Texas 77550
laura.hughes@americannational.com

Please type or print neatly.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Galveston County High School: _____

Date of Graduation (Month & Year): _____

2015/2016 Overall GPA/Class Rank: _____

Date of Birth: _____

College/University Planning To Attend: _____

Intended Major(s): _____

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High School/Community Activities & Awards (attach additional pages as necessary):

If applicable, please provide a short two to three sentence summary of any special financial needs:

**GALVESTON COUNTY YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION
2016 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY**

Please write a 500 word essay in response to the following 2016 Law Day theme:

Miranda: More Than Words

In 2016, the nation marks the 50th anniversary of perhaps the nation's best-known U.S. Supreme Court case, *Miranda v. Arizona*. The Miranda Warning has become ingrained in law enforcement and has permeated popular consciousness through countless recitations in films and television shows. Yet Miranda is only part of the story when it comes to the procedures for ensuring justice. The 2016 Law Day theme — **Miranda: More than Words** — will explore the procedural protections afforded to all of us by the U.S. Constitution, how these rights are safeguarded by the courts, and why the preservation of these principles is essential to our liberty.

All entries should reflect the student's interpretation of the 2016 Law Day theme by responding to the following prompt:

“Why should all people be treated fairly even if they are suspected of wrongdoing?”

Essay Rules:

- (1) Only students graduating from a high school located in Galveston County by September 2016 are invited to apply;
- (2) The essay must be written in response to the above prompt;
- (3) The essay must be typed and double-spaced;
- (4) The essay must be the student's own original work;
- (5) The essay must show critical analysis and historical evidence;
- (6) Only one entry per student;
- (7) The essay must not exceed 500 words;
- (8) The completed application and essay must be received by Friday, April 15, 2016;
- (9) Winners will be provided with and must agree to Scholarship Terms detailing responsibilities and the payment of scholarship money directly to the university.

If interested in the possibility of having your essay submitted to the State Bar of Texas 2016 Law Day state-wide contest, your completed application and essay must be received by mail or email no later than Friday, March 25, 2016 at 5pm.