Brooks Law Group Scholarship Information

At Brooks Law Group, we’ve always been passionate advocates for client rights. As we celebrate over 25 years in business, it seems fitting to reflect on the impact we have had in our community as well. The Brooks team has had a strong philanthropic culture and a heart for the state of Florida. Steve and Beach Brooks grew up in Winter Haven, FL and have a desire to give back to the future generations of Florida students. In an effort to build up our community and the future of Florida, we are proud to announce the biannual Brooks Law Group Scholarship.

**Spring 2019 Scholarships – Apply Today!**

* **Two (1st and 2nd place) scholarships will be awarded**
* **Application Deadline: *May 3rd***
* **Awards will be announced: *May 17th***
1. **First Place Winner: $1000**
2. **Second Place Winner: $250**

 **Spring Scholarship Essay Topic**

**Spring 2019 Topic**:
***\*\*All writing must be between 700 and 1,400 words and original to the student\*\****

**In 2016, more than 4,300 people were killed in collisions with semis and other large trucks, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). That’s a 28% increase from 2009.**

**While new safety technology such as automatic emergency braking and forward collision warning systems are now standard on many cars, only a small fraction of semi-trucks today has any collision avoidance technology. It’s not required by law. The NHTSA, the federal regulatory body in charge of keeping Americans safe on the roads, has failed to make any regulations requiring these safety features on large trucks after more than two decades of urging from the National Transportation Safety Board.**

**Essay Question: Should semi and large trucks be required by law to have the latest in safety technology? Why do you think the trucking industry and the federal government have resisted attempts to require safety features on semi-trucks?**

**Selection Process**

Essays will be judged based on the following criteria:

* **Correct use of grammar and language**
* **Well-reasoned ideas on the topic**
* **Foundational knowledge of law**

**Does Your Essay Meet the Criteria?**

**Word Count**

* **All content should be original. Essays will be checked for plagiarism.**
* **Essays should be no less than 700 words.**

**Links**

* **Essays must contain at least two links: one internal (links to a page on Brooks Law Group) and one external (points to a credible information source and cannot link to another law firm.)**

**Does your essay contain accurate information?**

* **Is the essay understandable? (This should be written as if your readers have an 8th-grade education.)**
* **Does this essay contain relevant information on your topic (up-to-date facts, case studies, etc.)?**
* **Will your readers feel they have been informed or educated?**

The best way to check this is to ask yourself if you learned anything by writing this essay. If not, try to add some more facts and “wow” factors.

**Scholarship Rules**

Applicants must be a **high school senior or current undergraduate student**, be enrolled in or planning to attend a U.S. college or university and submit their application, with all components, by the deadline.

Once the deadline has passed, Brooks Law Group will select the winner. Winners will be notified by email. Enrollment will be verified with the college or university before Brooks Law Group submits a one-time payment to the college or university on behalf of the winner. Upon winning, the winner’s photograph and essay will be published on Brooks Law Group’s Blog.

By voluntarily submitting identifiable information to our email address, you are providing Brooks Law Group with your name, phone number and email address for the sole purpose of entering the essay contest.

By taking part in this essay contest, contestants agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Brooks Law Group its managers, members, directors, officers, and employees from and against any and all liability and costs, including reasonable attorneys’ fees associated with taking part in this contest or the acceptance, use or of prizes. Under no circumstances shall Brooks Law Group its directors, officers and employees, be liable to the contestant for indirect, punitive, special or consequential damages.

Employees of Brooks Law Group their board of directors and immediate families are not eligible to enter this essay contest.

* **PUBLICITY: Except where prohibited by law, by accepting a Scholarship Prize, Brooks Law Group Scholarship recipients agree that Brooks Law Group may, without any limitation or further compensation or notice, use his or her name, and/or likeness in any and all media, worldwide, for the purpose of advertising and promoting Brooks Law Group and the Scholarship Program.**
* **BROOKS LAW GROUP’S RIGHT TO MODIFY, SUSPEND OR TERMINATE. In the event Brooks Law Group is prevented from continuing with the Scholarship Program by any event beyond its reasonable control, then Brooks Law Group shall have the right in its sole discretion to modify or terminate the Scholarship Program.**

\*\*By submitting my essay to be entered into the Brooks Law Group scholarship contest, I am agreeing that any and all content submitted can be utilized by Brooks Law Group for any purpose including, but not limited to, blogs or social media posts without any attribution of authorship to myself and will become the complete and full property of Brooks Law Group. I also agree that I will not post this essay to any other website/blog/internet source, as I have given Brooks Law Group all rights to this article. \*\*

**To Apply:**

Please visit the following link to apply. <https://www.brookslawgroup.com/about/community/community-outreach/>

\*Applicants will need to include the following:

- a small paragraph about yourself

- your name

- a valid email address and phone number

- your original essay

- applicant photo

If you have any questions or need help, email ***scholarship@brookslawgroup.com***