## THE ANDREW K. RUOTOLO, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

AWARDED BY
THE COUNTY PROSECUTORS ASSOCIATION
OF NEW JERSEY FOUNDATION

c/o Prosecutor Theodore J. Romankow Union County Prosecutor's Office 32 Rahway Avenue Elizabeth, NJ 07202

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#### **General Information**

The County Prosecutors Association of New Jersey Foundation is a non-profit corporation created by the County Prosecutors Association for the purpose of awarding scholarships. The Foundation is administered by a Board of Trustees comprised of Officers of the County Prosecutors Association of New Jersey.

Each scholarship is a one year grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 paid directly to the recipient. Persons may reapply for succeeding years.

To be eligible, an applicant must be a New Jersey resident accepted for admission to a law school or graduate school. The applicant must exhibit an interest in, and commitment to, enhancing the rights and well-being of children through child advocacy programs. The applicant must also exhibit financial need.

Applications must be *postmarked* by June 15th of each year. Personal interviews of finalists will be conducted. Applicants will be notified of the Trustees' decision in August of each year.

**Applications should be sent to:** 

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#### Andrew K. Ruotolo, Jr. (1952-1995)

Andrew K. Ruotolo, Jr., known to his friends and colleagues as Drew, was a "great person", a "fine prosecutor" and a "wonderful friend."

Drew Ruotolo was born on November 5, 1952. He attended Westfield High School where he earned All-American honors as a swimmer. He then attended Amherst College, where he graduated with honors in 1974. In 1978, he received his law degree from Fordham University Law School.

He joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in 1981, working in the criminal division and handling a number of high profile cases. Thereafter, he worked in private practice in Mountainside, specializing in criminal and civil litigation. He was a certified Criminal Trial Attorney and a Master with the Richard J Hughes American Inn of Court Program

In 1991, at age 38, he took the oath of office as Prosecutor of Union County. In four short years, Prosecutor Ruotolo implemented a number of initiatives. He established an Anti-Bias Unit to effectively combat hate crimes and personally handled the first jury trial of a bias crime indictment ever prosecuted in New Jersey. He developed the first Human Relations Commission in Union County, established the first full-time Domestic Violence Unit in the County and directed a countywide protocol for rape victims.

Prosecutor Ruotolo is widely credited for his efforts to help create the Essex-Union Auto Theft Task Force. After only two years, the task force of 23 police officers and detectives from both counties joined state troopers in making hundreds of arrests for stolen vehicles with a net reduction of 20% in car thefts. Juvenile law issues were a major concern of his. He served for nearly 10 years helping troubled youth on the Juvenile Conference Committee. As Prosecutor, he expanded the size of the Juvenile Unit, worked on several initiatives to combat violence among youth and created the first ever Prosecutor-sponsored Youth Academy for first time offenders.

Of all his accomplishments, he will perhaps be best known for the creation of the Union County Child Advocacy Center, dedicated on July 11, 1995. The Center provides a "safe haven" inside a refurbished home in Elizabeth where scarred child abuse victims come to begin the healing process while providing evidence to prosecute their abusers.

Prosecutor Ruotolo died at age 42 at the end of a brave and courageous six-month battle with cancer. While his list of awards and recognitions could fill several pages, the underlying theme in all his accomplishments was a deep love for people and a commitment to improve the human condition of those who were victimized by circumstances beyond their control.

# ANDREW K. RUOTOLO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Application Form

#### I. Personal History of Applicant ( ) Mr. ( ) Miss Name First Name Last Name Middle Name ( ) Ms. Permanent Mailing Address Number & Street City County Zip Code Current Mailing Address (if different from above) Number & Street City County Zip Code Phone Number(s) At permanent address Daytime telephone number during summer (\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship Marital Status ( ) Single ( ) Married Dependents (names and ages) Have you been in the Armed Services? Yes ( ) No ( ) Dates of Service and Discharge \_\_\_\_\_\_ Rank at Discharge \_\_\_\_\_ Have you served in any law enforcement capacity? Yes ( ) No ( ) Agency\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Position\_\_\_\_

#### II. Applicant's Educational Background (Circle School for which Scholarship Application is submitted and attach proof of acceptance or attendance)

A. Secondary: Name and Address of hi	gh school				
Year of Graduation _					
B. Undergraduate: Name and Address of C	ollege/Universi	ity			
Year of Graduation/Ant	icipated	Deg	gree		
Major Field of Study _					
Cumulative Grade Point	Average (if ap	oplicable)			
C. Graduate: Name and address of Ins	stitution				
Year of Graduation/Anti	cipated	De	gree		
Cumulative Grade Poi	nt Average(if a	applicable)			
D. Law School: Name	and	address	S	of	Institutio
Year of Graduation/Ar	nticipated		Degree		
Cumulative Grade Po	int Average (if	f applicable)			
III. Financial Informa Application is submitte	•	e figures pertaini	ng to the Aca	demic Year for	which Scholarshi
A. Estimated cost of ed	ucation, includ	ing tuition, room,	board, books.		
B. Applicant's Current	Yearly Salary <sub>-</sub>				
C. Spouse's Current Y	early Salary (if	applicable)			
D. All Other Sources of	Income or Sup	pport, including p	arental		

E. All Other Grants, Financial Aid and Scholarships	Submit with your Application a typed Statement of Educational and Career Objectives. Your statement
	should describe your interest in, and commitment to, enhancing the rights and well-being of children through child advocacy programs. You may add additional pages if needed.
F. State any Other Information Relevant to Applicant's Financial Need	unough child advocacy programs. For may add additional pages it needed.
IV. Special Recognitions, Honors or Prizes	
Specify any special recognitions, honors or prizes which you have achieved including academic work, the arts, athletics, and community service.	
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	Date Completed: / /
	Applicant's Signature