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

**Name**

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<th>Last Name</th>
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**Permanent Mailing Address**

- Number & Street
- City
- County
- State
- Zip Code

**Current Mailing Address** (if different from above)

- Number & Street
- City
- County
- State
- Zip Code

**Phone Number(s)**

- At permanent address
- Daytime telephone number during summer

**Date of Birth**

- Day
- Month
- Year

**Social Security Number**

- Day
- Month
- Year

**Country of Citizenship**

**Marital Status**

- Single
- Married

**Dependents**

(names and ages)

**Present Occupation**

**Have you been in the Armed Services?**

- Yes
- No

**Branch**

**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 high school
- Year of Graduation

**B. Undergraduate:**

- Name and Address of College/University
- Year of Graduation/Anticipated
- Degree

**C. Graduate:**

- Name and address of Institution
- Year of Graduation/Anticipated
- Degree

**D. Law School:**

- Name and address of Institution
- Year of Graduation/Anticipated
- Degree

## III. Financial Information

- (Provide figures pertaining to the Academic Year for which Scholarship Application is submitted)

**A. Estimated cost of education, including tuition, room, board, books.**

**B. Applicant’s Current Yearly Salary**

**C. Spouse’s Current Yearly Salary (if applicable)**

**D. All Other Sources of Income or Support, including parental**

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*(Sample responses are placeholders and should be filled in with actual information)*

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E. All Other Grants, Financial Aid and Scholarships

F. State any Other Information Relevant to Applicant's Financial Need

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.

V. Personal Statement

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.

Date Completed: _____ / _____ / _____  Applicant’s Signature