

ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY
PARALEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
2014 FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
ESSAY COMPETITION

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MAJOR _____ GRADUATION DATE _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____
TITLE OF ESSAY _____

COMPETITION RULES

1. The essay must respond to and address one of the four questions listed on the opposite side of this form.
2. Your essay must be typed (double- or triple-spaced) and should be 2,000 words in length (roughly five double-spaced pages). Grammar and punctuation will be considered. Unduly long or short essays will be penalized.
3. Your essay must be submitted together with this completed and signed scholarship application form to Scholarship Competition, Roosevelt University Paralegal Studies Program, 430 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60605 OR you may email your completed and signed application form with the essay to klevoy@roosevelt.edu.
4. All essays must be postmarked on or before August 1, 2014, to be eligible for the Franklin D. Roosevelt 2014 Essay Competition. Winners will be announced within thirty days of the due date.
5. All essays submitted become the property of the Paralegal Studies Program. Final judging will be conducted by a panel consisting of members of the Paralegal Studies Program faculty, administration and/or advisory board. All decisions of the panel are final.
6. Scholarship applicants need not have applied to the Paralegal Studies Program to be eligible for this competition. However, winners must submit an application by August 15, 2014. Scholarship winners must satisfy all requirements for admission to the Paralegal Studies Program.
7. Scholarship awards will be applied to tuition charges only and must be used in the following semesters Fall 2014, Spring 2015 and Summer 2015.
8. If I am a scholarship winner, I grant permission to the Paralegal Studies Program, Roosevelt University to publish and otherwise use my essay as they see fit.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the above rules.

Scholarship Applicant's Signature

Date

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The Supreme Court will soon decide the case of *Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.* The issue in the case is whether for-profit companies have a right to exercise religious freedom under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. The Affordable Care Act requires employers to provide workers a health plan that covers the full range of contraceptives. The family that owns Hobby Lobby claims that this requirement violates its religious beliefs. The Obama administration argues that if the justices allow Hobby Lobby to refuse to pay for the contraceptives because of its owner's religious beliefs, the way would open for religious objections to a broad array of laws. If you were on the Supreme Court, how would you decide this case and why?

Recently, the regional director of the National Labor Relations Board issued a ruling, saying that certain college athletes should be considered employees. The vote comes months after Kain Colter, a Northwestern University football player, started a movement, along with longtime activist Ramogi Huma, to allow his old squad to unionize. They are seeking, among other things, financial coverage for former players with sports-related medical expenses and for players to receive compensation for commercial sponsorships. Northwestern University has appealed the ruling, and experts anticipate the case ultimately could be heard by the Supreme Court. Discuss whether you think college athletes should be considered university employees. Explain your reasons.

In the current system of electing the US President, the electoral votes of many states are considered foregone conclusions by the candidates. As a result, some believe that candidates have no reason to pay attention to issues of concern to voters in the majority of states. Many people wish to change this system and one suggestion for a change is the National Popular Vote bill, which would guarantee the Presidency to the candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Do support the change from the current system to the National Popular Vote Bill? Discuss the pros/cons of each system and explain your position.

FIRST PLACE

ONE \$3,000 TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

SECOND PLACE

THREE \$1,000 TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS