



Dear School Administrator,

The National Foundation for Women Legislators is pleased to announce the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual NFWL/NRA Bill of Rights Essay Scholarship Contest!

Each year, NFWL and the NRA join forces to provide six female high school juniors or seniors an award, a \$3,000 college scholarship and an all-expense-paid trip to NFWL's Annual Conference. The Conference will take place November 20-22<sup>nd</sup> at The Ritz-Carlton in Washington, DC.

The NFWL would like to invite your students from the classes of 2013-2014 to participate. Interested parties must fill out an application, write a short essay on one of two possible topics, and obtain a women legislator from either the local or statewide level to sponsor them. If selected, both sponsor and student must attend our Annual Conference to pick up the award and scholarship. **The deadline for entries is September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

The topics selected this year are:

- Recent events have shown the degree of personal information that can be, and may have been collected, by the government for purposes of national security. Where would you draw the line between the privacy afforded to individuals vs. the government's right to know? Use references to the Constitution and or specific Constitutional Amendments and what you believe the Founding Fathers intended. Also use personal anecdotes about how your point of view might affect you directly.
- The military has grappled with the issue of "sexual assaults," with a series of on-going scandals. According to one study, "a woman in the military is more likely to be a victim of a rape or sexual assault than be killed in combat." Should the resolution of such cases be taken out of the hands of the military command structure, or should the culture of the military be changed, or both? Should there be any distinction in the role women play in the military, and what would the Founding Fathers have to say about this issue? Would you serve in the military if its culture does not change?

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Scholarship Program, please contact Alex Rich at [alex@womenlegislators.org](mailto:alex@womenlegislators.org) or 202-293-3040.

All the best,

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