

**FFRF William J. Schulz High School Essay Contest
FOR COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

First Place: William J. Schulz Memorial Award — \$3,000
Second Place — \$2,000
Third Place — \$1,000
Fourth Place — \$750
Fifth Place — \$500
Sixth Place — \$400
Honorable Mention(s) — \$200

DESCRIBE “A MOMENT WHEN YOU STOOD UP FOR FREETHOUGHT/SECULARISM”

Eligibility: North American high school senior who graduates in spring 2014, going to college in fall 2014. Topic: Write from a personal perspective about your activism or include memorable challenges you’ve faced as a nonbelieving teenager, in your family, your high school or community. Explain how and why you’ve spoken up for freethought and/or secular government in the classroom, at school events, in government or your personal life. Include at least some intellectual analysis of what led you to reject religion and/or why you care about keeping religion out of public schools/ government.

Length: 500 to 700 words. Include word count. Submit typed, double-spaced essay with standard margins. Other Requirements: Choose your own title. Do not include a resumé. Please staple. Place your name and essay title on each page. Include a separate paragraph identifying your age, birthdate, hometown, the college or university you will be attending in the fall, intended major and interests or high school achievements. Include your name, mailing address, phone number(s), and e-mail address. Winners may be asked to send verification of student enrollment. Essay must be submitted both by mail and e-mail by deadline (see below). Dean & Dorea Schramm, FFRF members, are offering a \$100 bonus to any student winner who is a member of FFRF, a secular student club or the Secular Student Alliance, at the time the essay is submitted.

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Deadline: Postmarked no later than June 1, 2014. Winners announced in August.

Mailing specifications: Send both by email and mail, no later than June 1, 2014. Email your essay no later than midnight, June 1, 2014, to: highschoolessay@ffrf.org. Use the word “essay” and your first and last name in the subject heading. Example: Essay: (Your full name). Also mail, postmarked no later than June 1, 2014 to:

High School Essay Contest
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About William J. Schulz: This competition is endowed by William J. Schulz, a member of FFRF who died at 57, was a farm boy who became a chemical engineer and built paper-producing mills around the world. He cared deeply about FFRF’s work.