

# 2014 James Kura Memorial Scholarship Competition

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**\$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to the top 3 essay writers.**

**Question:** The Florida “Stand Your Ground” law at issue in the criminal case against George Zimmerman states: “A person who is not engaged in an unlawful activity and who is attacked in any other place where he or she has a right to be has no duty to retreat and has the right to stand his or her ground and meet force with force, including deadly force if he or she reasonably believes it is necessary to do so to prevent death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another or to prevent the commission of a forcible felony.” Florida Statute 776.013(3).

Do you think this statute promotes good public policy? Discuss why or why not.

**Deadline: Postmarked by Friday, March 28, 2014**

**Qualification:** To qualify, you must:

1. Be an Ohio high school senior.
2. Have a 2.5 G.P.A. (transcript may be requested for verification).
3. Be accepted by an accredited, 4-year school, beginning the academic year 2014-15.

**Application:** To apply, you must:

1. Complete and submit this application (copies of application permissible).
2. Submit a 2-page, typed essay on the selected topic above.
3. Upon request - submit official transcript (do not include with essay).
4. Submit application and essay by March 28, 2014. **Emailed materials are not accepted.**

***Do not submit application or essays in binders or folders. Do not staple.***

Please return completed application and 2-page essay to:

OACDL  
2720 Airport Drive, Suite 100  
Columbus, OH 43219

**Judging:** Essay will be evaluated by members of the OACDL scholarship committee. The committee will evaluate the essays on:

1. Composition
2. Clarify of thought
3. Knowledge of subject
4. Persuasiveness of opinion

*By submitting an essay, you agree to have your name, high school and essay published on the OACDL website should you be a winner.*

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**Please Print Legibly:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent home address: (include zip code)

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High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended College of Enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_

**For OACDL Use Only:**

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