

PAULO J. MOURA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Essay prompt for Scholarship Application
Students planning to major in law, pre-law, political science

Paulo (Paul) J. Moura was an attorney who lived in Norwell, MA with his wife, Lisa and daughter, Olivia, who graduated from Norwell High School, Class of 2018. He passed away December 5, 2017 at age fifty after battling cancer for over three years. His parents were from Santa Maria, Azores and his native language was Portuguese. Being fluent in Portuguese and Spanish was a key factor in building a very successful immigration law practice with his wife, Lisa, on the south shore and Boston area for over 23 years.

Paulo graduated Boston University with a degree in Political Science and went on to Suffolk University Law School. He often spoke Portuguese and Spanish with several clients who could not speak English and was the voice for them when they could not speak for themselves. He always went the extra mile to help those gain legal status to work and/or live in the USA; those with little or no means and didn't stop until he found the help they needed to work and raise their children during hard times. He helped those desiring to come to the USA legally to work hard for their family and participate in giving back to the church, schools and those struggling with health issues.

Paulo was a brave, honorable and loving father and husband, and wanted nothing more than to see his daughter Olivia graduate high school and succeed in following her own path. Olivia is a recent graduate of Wheaton College in Norton, MA, class of 2022 having dual majors in English and Art.

The intent of this scholarship is to honor Paul's legacy as a father, husband, friend and attorney of over 23 years. We wanted to share his passion for the law, the U.S. constitution, justice, and civil liberties.

In a few paragraphs (3-4) please tell us why you are interested in going to law school and/or pursuing a career in the legal field. Who were your mentors that have influenced or inspired you in wanting to go to law school and/or pursue a career in legal studies, giving examples of your experiences while growing up, or in school, especially high school, including church, civic and volunteer. What would you like to do in this area (if known), and how you would plan to use the law and US constitution in such a career? Maybe you just know, or have always known that you were interested and had a passion for the law, have taken a course in law or participated in Moot Court. If this scholarship is of interest to you and you plan to become an attorney, major or minor in the above, please fill out the application and submit your essay and all applicants will be carefully considered.

Thank you for your interest!
Lisa and Olivia Moura