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2017 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

NJWLA has established a scholarship program to benefit students who are pursuing juris doctorate degrees. In 2017, NJWLA intends to award grants of \$5,000 each, to one student from each of New Jersey's law schools: Rutgers University Law School – Camden, Rutgers University Law School – Newark, and Seton Hall University Law School¹.

In order to qualify, each applicant must be a matriculating law school student who:

- Has completed at least twelve (12) credits at the time of application;
- Is carrying a minimum of six (6) credits per term; and
- Has been recommended by a professor, an instructor, an adjunct faculty member, a clinical instructor, a Dean, a Director of their law school or a lawyer or a judge (either needs to have at least ten (10) years' experience) with whom the applicant has worked as a clerk or intern for at least three (3) months during the past two (2) years.

SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

In addition to these requirements, applicants will be judged according to their commitment and dedication to their law school, dedication to the mission of NJWLA, and the practice of law as well as his/her essay.

Scholarship awards may be used for tuition, fees, books, and personal expenses, and are given directly to the students.

Applicants who work for companies that offer tuition reimbursement are eligible to apply.

Scholarship application forms are available from the Deans of each New Jersey law school and are also available on our website at www.njwla.org.

PREVIOUS WINNERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.

All applications must be **received** by January 17, 2017 at 5:00 pm. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

- Incomplete applications and/or applications received after the deadline WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

¹ Please note that for purposes of this scholarship process NJWLA treats Rutgers – Newark and Rutgers – Camden as separate schools.

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APPLICATION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Multiple reviewers will evaluate each application. For an application to be considered complete and eligible for consideration, we must receive from you by the deadline your:

- Application
- Essay
- Letter of recommendation
- Law school transcript (first year students should submit undergraduate transcript)
- Resume

Means of Submission:

The application and essay can be submitted by mail (see below) or by email (pdf format) to cskinner@njwla.org and mschaap@csglaw.com)

Mailing address: ****PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW MAILING ADDRESS****

**NJWLA
372 Franklin Avenue,
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Letters of Recommendation and transcripts must be in original, hard copy, and the recommendations, if sent by the applicant (and not the party providing the recommendation directly) must be in sealed envelope from the party providing the recommendation.

TIMELINE

January 17, 2017 5:00 pm – Deadline for submission of *all materials* to **ARRIVE** at NJWLA Mailbox and/or email addresses provided above. **MATERIALS POSTMARKED JANUARY 17, 2017, BUT RECEIVED THEREAFTER ARE NOT TIMELY SUBMISSIONS AND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

February, 2017 – All candidates and Deans will be notified of the outcome of the application review.

The scholarships will be publicly recognized on March 28, 2017 at The Grove in Cedar Grove, NJ. Winners are expected to attend. This is a truly inspirational evening not to be missed.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

DEADLINE JANUARY 17, 2017 at 5:00 pm

I. Student Information (Please type or print neatly)

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (M)

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Employer ___ Current or ___ Previous

Date of Employment: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Number of hours worked per week during the 2015/2016 academic year _____

Anticipated hours to be worked per week during the 2016/2017 academic year _____

How did you hear about the NJWLA Scholarship award? _____

Name and email of your local newspaper for press release:



II. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

High School Graduation (Year): _____

Undergraduate Degree: _____ Year: _____ Major: _____

College or University: _____

Law School Information:

Name of Law School: _____

Date of Matriculation: _____ Number of credits completed: _____

Expected date of completion: _____ Total credits required for law degree: _____

Student Status: Full Time: _____ Part Time: _____

Number of Credits to be taken during the academic year:

(Minimum is six (6) per term, but you do not need to be enrolled all terms.)

(Approximate dates: Fall: Sept. – Dec. Winter: Jan. – May Summer: June – Aug.)

Fall 2016 _____ Winter 2017 _____ Summer 2017 _____

Total Credits for the Academic Year 2016-2017: _____

By submitting this application, applicant hereby grants to NJWLA the right to use, publish, exhibit and/or reproduce the applicant's name, law school information and scholarship essay in any and all media now known or later developed, and for any and all purposes, without the payment of any royalty or compensation of any kind. Further, if applicant is selected as one of the grant recipients, then applicant further agrees that NJWLA may use images, including photographs and videos, of applicant from the NJWLA gala in any and all media now known or later developed, and for any and all purposes, without the payment of any royalty or compensation of any kind. The applicant herein releases NJWLA, its officers, directors, employees and agents and any affiliated or related persons or entities from any and all claims and causes of action based upon NJWLA's use of the essay. By signing this application, applicant warrants that he/she is the sole owner of the rights granted and that the essay submitted does not infringe upon the copyright or rights of anyone.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

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III. Your Essay is to respond to one of the following:

1. Please consider the American Bar Association new anti-discrimination Rule 8.4(g) (the “Rule”), and discuss whether (1) the new Rule goes far enough, or whether more should have been addressed here, or (2) are Kim Colby’s concerns, expressed in the attached New York Times article, well founded notwithstanding the last sentence of the Rule? And if you think the Rule should have gone further, please propose your alternative or amendment to the Rule.

8.4(g).... engage in conduct that the lawyer knows or reasonably should know is harassment or discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status or socioeconomic status in conduct related to the practice of law. This paragraph does not limit the ability of a lawyer to accept, decline or withdraw from a representation in accordance with Rule 1.16. This paragraph does not preclude legitimate advice or advocacy consistent with these Rules.

OR

2. As a country, there has been ongoing discussion and debate as to the issues of character, temperament and appearance (outward physical appearance, as well as whether one shows his/her emotions or “wears a poker face”) as important considerations for our leaders. Discuss whether women, as attorneys and as aspiring leaders, are held to a different standard than men in being considered for leadership positions and/or promotions, and if so, (1) how has this impacted you in your chosen path to date, and (2) how you would propose to level the playing field – or not – and if not, why not.

Please use separate pages for your essay (do not print it here).

Please only answer one of the questions.

Your essay is not to exceed 1500 words.

Please note that if you use or refer to cited work, citations should be in Blue Book format.

We reserve the right to edit all essays for publication.

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