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2015 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

NJWLA has established a scholarship program to benefit students who are pursuing juris doctorate degrees. In 2015, 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 School.

In order to qualify, each nominee 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 has been recommended by a lawyer or a judge (either needs to have at least ten (10) years experience) with whom you have worked (1) 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 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 mailed to Deans of New Jersey's three law schools and are also available on our website at www.njwla.org.

PREVIOUS WINNERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.

All applications must be **received** by January 9, 2015 at 5:00 pm. No exceptions.

All winners are expected to attend the NJWLA Gala on March 24, 2015 at The Grove in Cedar Grove, New Jersey, at which event they will be recognized.

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

There will be no exceptions.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Multiple reviewers will review each application. Your application package must contain one (1) original of your:

- Application
- Essay (Application and Essay may be submitted by mail or by email in pdf format to cskinner@njwla.org and mschaap@wolffsamson.com)
- Letter of recommendation
- Law school transcript (first year students should submit undergraduate transcript)
(Letter of recommendation and transcript must be original and must be mailed to the postal address below.)

TIMELINE

January 9, 2015 5:00 pm – Deadline for submission to **ARRIVE** at NJWLA Mailbox – ***NJWLA, 633 Franklin Avenue, PMB # 118, Nutley, New Jersey 07110.***

February 2015 – All candidates and Deans will be notified of the outcome of the application review.

The scholarships will be awarded on March 24, 2015 at The Grove in Cedar Grove, NJ. Winners are expected to attend. This is a truly inspirational evening not to be missed.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

DEADLINE JANUARY 9, 2015 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 2013/2014 academic year _____

Anticipated hours to be worked per week during the 2014/2015 academic year _____

How did you hear about the NJWLA Scholarship award? _____



Name and email of your local paper for press release:

II. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

High School Graduation (Year): _____

Undergraduate Degree: _____ Year: _____ Major: _____

College or University: _____

Law School Information:

Name of Law School: _____

Address of Institution: _____

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 2014 _____ Winter 2015 _____ Summer 2015 _____

Total Credits for the Academic Year 2014-2015: _____

Applicant Signature: _____



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

1. What do you see as the ramifications (if any) of the recent Hobby Lobby decision, on women (whether all women, or women of a particular age, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, reproductive choices) and the rights of people in general in the private work place. Do you think legislation is required to reverse this potential impact and precedential impact, and if so, what issues would your proposed bill address.

OR

2. In light of the public outcry following the Ray Rice video, the NFL (and other “privately” regulated associations and/or organizations) are struggling to “save face” and to address what seems to be a recurring issue – abuse- whether of women, children or otherwise. You have been drafted (pun intended) by the NFL to help the league craft policies, procedures and remedies to address misconduct of its members (whether owners (as occurred with the LA Clippers) or the players (Ray Rice or others)). Please share with us your proposed “game plan” for the NFL (and/or another league or sports team) to set uniform rules and sanctions for the league as a whole to address all instances of demonstrable domestic violence, child abuse and/or other recurring criminal conduct, such as DUI and drug possession.

Please use separate pages for your essay.

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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