



Association of Women Attorneys

ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN ATTORNEYS FOUNDATION 2023 SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

The **ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN ATTORNEYS** (“AWA”) is currently seeking qualified applicants for AWA Foundation (“AWAF”) scholarships to be awarded to deserving second and third year female-identifying law students in Houston, Texas. The application is attached.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The AWAF Scholarships are intended to:

Recognize law students who have demonstrated a commitment to excellence and an aptitude for leadership and philanthropy;

Promote excellence in legal studies by providing assistance to deserving students; and

Advance the purposes of the AWA and the AWAF, which include promoting the welfare and interests of women lawyers, maintaining the honor and integrity of the profession of law, encouraging philanthropy by women lawyers, and informing and educating women lawyers on matters pertaining to their professional interests and status.

See: <http://www.awahouston.org>

AWARDS GIVEN: At least one scholarship of \$2,500 to a current second-year student and at least one scholarship of \$3,500 to a current third-year student will be awarded to deserving women studying at each of the three Houston area law schools (University of Houston, South Texas College of Law Houston, and Thurgood Marshall School of Law). The scholarship recipients will also receive a professional head shot and a membership in the AWA for one year and will be honored at the 10th Annual Premier Women in Law Luncheon on April 11, 2023.

ELIGIBILITY: Any second-year or third-year female-identifying law student currently enrolled at a law school in Houston, Texas who has earned at least 30 credit hours is eligible to apply.

CRITERIA: Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership and philanthropic potential, a strong commitment to the profession, and/or the ability to overcome difficult obstacles. Involvement in programs that highlight advancement or support of women in the legal profession and in the community and participation in community outreach programs will also be considered. Financial need will also be considered.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Emailed applications must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. CST** on Friday, **February 24, 2022**.

RECOGNITION DATE: April 11, 2023 at the annual Premier Women in Law Luncheon. All scholarship recipients are expected to attend the luncheon as guests of honor.

INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT REQUESTED INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION AND INCLUDE ATTACHMENTS WHERE NECESSARY, AS INDICATED.

Submit the completed application, resume, and personal statement in **one email** to the email address below. Letters of recommendation may be included in the applicant's email with other documents or may be emailed separately by the party submitting the recommendation. Application submissions and letters of recommendation must include the following identifying information: 2L or 3L, name of law school, and your name. For example:

Application and Letter of Recommendation Email Submissions (example):

Email Subject Line: 2L, Texas Southern/Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Smith, Maria

Additionally, letters of recommendation must include the following reference line:

On Reference Letter (example):

RE: 3L, Texas Southern/Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Smith, Maria

Email applications, supporting documents and reference/recommendation letters to:

awafscholarships@gmail.com

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5:00 p.m. CST on Friday, February 24, 2023.

Contact for Questions:

AWAF Scholarship Committee

awafscholarships@gmail.com

2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Circle One: 2L 3L **Number of Hours Successfully Completed:** ____

Name: _____

Law School: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Permanent Address: _____

II. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Anticipated Graduation Date (**include month and year**): _____

Grade Point Average: _____ Class Standing: _____

| <u>College/Universities Attended</u> | <u>Degree</u> | <u>GPA</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Major/Minor</u> |
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A. Other Graduate Degrees:

B. Honors and Awards: Please list below (or include in an attachment) any academic honors you received during your undergraduate, post-graduate, or law school education.

| <u>Organization</u> | <u>Description of Honor</u> | <u>Date of Honor</u> |
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C. Extracurricular Activities: Please list below (or include in an attachment) any groups with which you have been involved, the mission of the organization, the length of your involvement with the organization and any leadership roles you currently hold or have held in such groups.

| <u>Organization</u> | <u>Statement of Purpose</u> | <u>Position Held</u> | <u>Dates</u> |
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III. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Please list below (or include in an attachment) your involvement in any social, civic, religious, professional or other community groups, including any groups working to support or advance women’s issues. Please include any leadership roles you currently hold or have held in such groups and the dates of your involvement.

| <u>Organization</u> | <u>Statement of Purpose</u> | <u>Position Held</u> | <u>Dates</u> |
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IV. WORK EXPERIENCE

Please list (or include in an attachment) your employment following college graduation (including any legal clerkships). Please also attach your current resume.

| <u>Employer Name and Address</u> | <u>Position/Title</u> | <u>Dates</u> |
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V. REFERENCES/RECOMMENDATIONS

Please identify **two** individuals who have observed your academic, professional, leadership, philanthropic, work experience and/or other involvement in activities that you believe qualify you for this scholarship and provide a letter of recommendation from each individual. (Letters of recommendation may be attached to this Application or sent separately following the instructions for submission of letters of recommendation).

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Title/Relationship</u> | <u>Email</u> | <u>Phone</u> |
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VI. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please attach to this application a general statement of your career objectives and your expectations with respect to the practice of law. Please include answers to the following questions:

- 1) Why did you decide to go to law school?
- 2) What do you plan to do after law school?
- 3) Why should you be awarded this scholarship? (If applicable, please describe obstacles you have overcome which demonstrate your strength of character, determination, maturity, etc.)

The Personal Statement is limited to 450 words allocated among the three questions at your discretion. **Please include a word count for your Personal Statement at the end of the statement.**

