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**ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN ATTORNEYS FOUNDATION
2019 SCHOLARSHIP**

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 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 AWA Premier Women in Law Luncheon on March 20, 2019.

ELIGIBILITY: Any second-year or third-year female 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 **Tuesday, February 5, 2019**.

RECOGNITION DATE: March 20, 2019 at the annual AWF Premier Women in Law Luncheon. All scholarship recipients are expected to attend the luncheon as guests of honor.

2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

Emailed applications must be received no later than:

5:00 p.m. CST on Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

Contact for Questions:

Alaina King Benford

AWAF Scholarship Committee Chair

Tel (713) 955-4790

awafscholarships@gmail.com

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Circle One: 2L 3L Number of Hours Successfully Completed: _____

Law School

Name

Home Phone Number:
() _____

Mobile Phone Number:
() _____

E-Mail Address:

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>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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.

Organization	Description of Honor	Date of Honor
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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.

Organization	Statement of Purpose	Position Held	Dates
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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.

Organization	Statement of Purpose	Position Held	Dates
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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>
_____	_____	_____

_____	_____	_____

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 on page 2).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title/Relationship</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Phone</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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.

applicants should currently be in their second year of studies) and is a part-time position limited to 25 hours a week at \$13 an hour. No benefits will be provided.

Please indicate whether you wish to be considered for the internship by checking the box below. The AWAFF will submit a copy of this application to the DA's Office on your behalf.

Harris County District Attorney's Office
Internship (2L Applicants Only)

Please include a short statement about your interest in the internship in the space provided below.

By completing this application, you permit the AWA and the AWAFF to use, edit, and/or publish your photograph or video testimonial that includes your name, likeness, image, voice, participation, and performance on film in the associations' promotional materials.