



Just The Beginning Foundation Scholarship Application

JUST THE BEGINNING FOUNDATION'S MISSION STATEMENT:

Just The Beginning Foundation is a multiracial, nonprofit organization comprised of lawyers, judges, and other citizens. It is dedicated to developing and nurturing interest in the law among young persons from various ethnic backgrounds underrepresented in the legal profession and supporting their continued advancement. JTBF's long-term goal is to increase racial diversity in the legal profession and on the bench.

The purpose of the JTBF scholarship is to advance full and equal participation of law students from minority and economically disadvantaged backgrounds. This year, there will be at least five scholarships of up to \$5,000.00, one from each law school in Georgia. To qualify, an applicant must complete and submit the application by the due date and be enrolled in a Georgia law school for the 2010-2011 school year. Also, recipients must be able to attend the JTBF Gala Dinner on October 2, 2010.

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| To apply, please return this application to: |
| Davené D. Walker, Esq. Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP 1230 Peachtree Street, N.E. Promenade II, Suite 3100 Atlanta, Georgia 30309 |

Please fill in the following information and return it with your: (1) essays; (2) law school transcript (or, alternatively, college transcript for students entering their first year of law school); and (3) resume (optional). Complete applications, including essays and transcripts, must be postmarked on or before **June 30, 2010.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Davené Walker at dwalker@sgrlaw.com.

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| NAME & ADDRESS | Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____ Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home/Mobile Telephone () _____ Business Telephone () _____ Ext. _____ May we contact you at your business number? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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| EDUCATION | College or University _____ City _____ State _____ Major/Field _____ Degree _____ G.P.A. _____ |
| LAW SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND FINANCIAL AID | <p>1. Identify the law school in which you are enrolled or to which you have been accepted along with your expected date (month/year) of your graduation. If not available by scholarship deadline, please forward this information under separate cover when available.</p> <p>Law School _____</p> <p>Location _____ Graduation Date _____</p> <p>2. Are you currently receiving financial aid to cover law school expenses? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, (a) list all of your sources of financial aid, including family support, loans and scholarships, and the total amount of financial aid that you receive. If you are not yet enrolled in law school, explain how you intend to pay for your education.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(b) Please provide the name and phone number of the financial aid officer at your school who can verify the loan and scholarship information in your above response.</p> <p>Name _____ Phone Number _____</p> <p>3. Are you or will you be enrolled full-time or part-time? <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time</p> |
| RESUME | <p>Instead of answering the following questions, you may attach a resume which includes the requested information. If you choose not to attach a resume, please attach your responses separately. Even if you have attached a resume, please respond to questions 6 and 7 on a separate sheet. If you have attached a resume, please place mark the box below.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Resume attached</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List your post-high school academic degrees, including the date awarded, and the awarding institution. 2. Provide your employment history. 3. List any awards or honors which you have received, including academic awards and/or community service awards. 4. List academic or service organizations to which you belong. 5. List other extra-curricular activities or hobbies. 6. List any career goals or legal areas of special interest to you. 7. Is there anything else the committee should know? |

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| ESSAY QUESTIONS | <p><u>Essay I.</u> Please choose from one of the following topics. Responses are limited to two double-spaced pages in 12-point font. Do not use citations. Essays should be a product of your own ideas. Any outside reading you do should be for background purposes only. Essays will be evaluated for quality of writing, clarity of thought and originality of ideas.</p> <p>(a) The “Wise Latina”—Myth or Reality: What impact should diversity, including race, gender, religion, sexual orientation or general life experiences, have on the selection of the judiciary?</p> <p>(b) Should race be considered as a factor in the application process for law school admission or law review selection?</p> <p>(c) Who is your legal role model or hero? How has that person impacted your life?</p> <p><u>Essay II.</u> Please also respond to the following essay question in 250 words or less:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">How do you intend for your legal career to further the mission of the Just the Beginning Foundation as set forth above?</p> |
| SIGNATURE | <p>I hereby certify that all information included in this application is true and accurate.</p> <p>Signature _____ Date _____</p> |