

National Association of Women Judges Access to Justice Scholarship - Spring 2023

The National Association of Women Judges is pleased to announce that the Access to Justice Scholarship will be awarded to a woman student at The University of Texas School of Law who has demonstrated a sustained and passionate commitment to the achievement of equality of opportunity and access in the justice system. This scholarship, in the amount of \$1000, will be presented to the recipient in the Eidman Courtroom on the morning of Wednesday, April 12, 2023 during the “Color of Justice Program” hosted by the National Association of Women Judges, the Travis County Women Lawyers’ Association, and the William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law. **The recipient must be available to attend this event.**

The scholarship recipient will be selected based on commitment to increasing equal opportunity and access to justice, and on academic credentials. **The scholarship is open to all women students.** Preference will be given to applicants who are members of the Thurgood Marshall Legal Society or the Chicano/Hispanic Law Students Association.

Past recipients include Lezly Cardenas, Laura Rativa, Noorulanne Jan, Jessica Kemp, Stephanie Kolmar, Laura Peña, Adriana Rodriguez, Paige Duggins, and Kiah Debolt.

To Apply: Women students are invited to apply for the scholarship by submitting the following to Liza Soria, William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law senior program coordinator, via email at liza.soria@law.utexas.edu, in PDF form:

1. Attached application form (see next page);
2. A personal statement (two to three double-spaced pages in length) describing:
 - a. Are you the first in your family to have gone to college and/or graduate school?
 - b. Have you overcome any obstacles in pursuing your education?
 - c. Please describe any work experience, college activities, community service, and/or work toward advancing diversity and equal opportunity in the justice system for women, minorities, gay men and lesbians, immigrants, low-income communities or other under-served populations.
 - d. What qualities, talents, passions and background experience do you think you would bring to the challenge of advancing diversity, access and equality in the justice system?
3. A one-paragraph description of your educational debt;
4. Resume;
5. Law school transcript (an informal copy is acceptable).

Application Deadline: 5:00pm on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. The scholarship recipient will be announced by April 10.

Questions should be directed to: Mary Crouter, William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law, mcrouter@law.utexas.edu, (512) 232-7855.

Spring 2023 NAWJ Access to Justice Scholarship Application

1. Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Present Address: _____
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Phone: _____ Email: _____

4. Permanent Address: _____
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

5. Expected Graduation Date: _____

6. Employment Status:

Are you currently employed? ___Yes ___No

If so, by whom and where: _____

Nature of employment: _____

Do you expect to remain or to become employed while in law school? ___Yes ___No

7. Summer 2023 Employment:

Do you plan to work next summer? ___Yes ___No

If so, where do you hope to work? _____

Nature of employment: _____

8. If you are a 3L, describe your postgraduate career plans: _____

I hereby certify that the information provided above is true, correct and complete.

Date: _____

(signature)

(print or type name)