



## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES ACCESS TO JUSTICE HOUSTON SCHOLARSHIPS - SPRING 2021

The National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) is pleased to announce the NAWJ Access to Justice Houston Scholarships. Six scholarships will be given to law students who have demonstrated a sustained and demonstrated commitment to the advancement of diversity, inclusion, equal opportunity, and access to justice. Two students from each of the three local Houston law schools—South Texas College of Law, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, and University of Houston Law Center—will be selected for these six scholarships, in the amount of \$1,000 each. Scholarships will be presented to the recipients during the virtual NAWJ Houston Color of Justice Program on Friday, April 23, 2021 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. ***Recipients must attend this event to be eligible for the scholarships.***

**Criteria:** Scholarship recipients will be selected based on demonstrated commitment to and leadership in increasing diversity, inclusion, equal opportunity, and access to justice. Preference will be given to diverse female law students with educational debt.

**To Apply:** All law students are invited to apply by submitting the following, in one consolidated PDF, to the NAWJ Houston Color of Justice Scholarship Committee, which is made up of judges from the Houston area. Please submit applications via: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/WJJ4o3FAOu3Zz4qQTKKD>.

1. **Application Form** (see next page);
2. **Personal Statement** (maximum one page in length):
  - ✓ In your personal statement, please discuss:
    - i. Your leadership, work experience, community service and/or school activities which have advanced diversity, inclusion, access to and equality in the justice system for under-served populations.
    - ii. Your qualities, talents, passions, and/or background experiences you bring to advancing diversity, inclusion, and access to and equality in the justice system.
3. **Description of Educational Debt** (brief 1-3 sentence description);
4. **Resume**; and
5. **Law School Transcript** (an informal copy is acceptable).

**Application Deadline:** **5:00 p.m. on April 9, 2021.** Scholarship recipients will be announced by April 15<sup>th</sup> and will be recognized on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the NAWJ Houston Color of Justice Program.

**Questions:** Please contact NAWJ Houston Co-Chair, Judge Lesley Briones at: [lesleybriones@gmail.com](mailto:lesleybriones@gmail.com) or 713-444-6784 with any questions.

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1. **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. **Current 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 2021 Employment:**

Do you plan to work this 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 Typed Name)