



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES ACCESS TO JUSTICE HOUSTON SCHOLARSHIPS – FALL 2023

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 NAWJ Houston Color of Justice Program on Saturday, October 28, 2023 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. All law students are welcome to apply for this scholarship. Preference will be given to diverse law students who identify as female and who have 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 two pages in length)
 - In your written 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; and
 - iii. How has and will artificial intelligence (AI) impact our justice system? How might it be used to advance 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 Wednesday October 18th, 2022. Scholarship recipients will be announced and recognized at the NAWJ Houston Color of Justice Program on Saturday, October 28th, 2023.

Questions: Please contact NAWJ Houston Color of Justice Committee Member Judge LaShawn Williams with any questions at: lashawn_williams@ccl.hctx.net

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1. Name & Pronouns:

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

(Pronouns)

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 2024 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.

(Signature)

(Print or Typed Name)

Date: _____