



### **ANNOUNCEMENT: 2017 WHLA Hispanic Law Student Scholarship**

The Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association (WHLA) has an interest supporting Hispanic students pursuing a law degree in the state of Wisconsin, specifically to assist those individuals who are in the second year of studies at Marquette University Law School and the University of Wisconsin Law School. As part of its efforts, WHLA offers a scholarship to one Hispanic student at each of the two Wisconsin law schools. WHLA invites current second year law students of Hispanic origin from Marquette University Law School and the University of Wisconsin Law School to apply for the 2017 WHLA Hispanic Law Student Scholarship.

Qualified students must be enrolled at Marquette University Law School or the University of Wisconsin Law School as a current second year student. The award will be two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) paid to the law school toward the tuition of the chosen recipient, announced at a selected date prior to the end of the Spring semester of the current academic year term, and applied to the recipient's tuition account for his/her third year of law school.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants must be enrolled as a second-year full-time or part-time second-year equivalent student, in good standing, at an accredited Wisconsin law school.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Applicant must be in good academic standing at their school; a minimum GPA is not required, but academic achievement will be a factor considered for the scholarship.
- Applicant must be a minimum of 25% Hispanic ethnic origin.
- Consideration will be placed on a student essay describing the general need, student endeavors, volunteerism and any other factor the student believes is relevant in the consideration for the scholarship.

**PROCESS:** Applicants must submit the following:

- Most recent law school transcript (unofficial)
- Typed personal essay of not more than 500 words
- One letter of recommendation (from an employer, teacher, mentor, advisor, etc.)

**DEADLINE TO APPLY:** Completed application must be signed and postmarked or electronically transmitted no later than April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

The scholarship recipient will be announced by April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Mission:** The Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association Works to advance the professional development of its members and advise on issues of interest to the Hispanic community on a local and National level. WHLA recognizes the need to encourage and support Latino law students as an important part of its mission.



**ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS:** Applicants must submit a personal essay. *The essay may address one or more of the suggested topics below. Applicants are not required to address each topic individually and should not feel restricted to these topics: they are suggestions to assist essay-writing, not to dictate or limit the essay. Limit the essay to no more than 500 words.* List your name, mailing address, email address, phone number and law school at the top of the first page. List your name at the top of each additional page.

1. Describe any law student activities or any efforts outside of law school that are associated with or in service to the Hispanic community.
2. Describe any specific academic achievements you have had as a law student and your interest in the law as a career.
3. Students who have unmet tuition needs may discuss how this scholarship would assist those needs.
4. Describe your interest in being a lawyer or your career goals after completing law school.
5. Discuss the importance of your Hispanic heritage to you or your family.
6. Discuss any other factors you believe important to your consideration for this scholarship.