

**WILKIE D. FERGUSON, JR. BAR FOUNDATION**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

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1. DEADLINE: Foundation scholarship applications must be received via email to [info@wdfjba.org](mailto:info@wdfjba.org) by **May 22, 2020 at 5:00 PM EST** (no exceptions).
2. Refer to page six (6) of this application for a list of the supporting documents required to be submitted with the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered.
4. If you are selected as a scholarship recipient you must be present at the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala at a location and on a date to be announced. **Failure to attend the gala to accept the award in-person will result in forfeiture of the award.**
5. If you have any questions about the application, please contact Nydia Streets at (305) 961-1136 or via email at [nydia@streetslaw.com](mailto:nydia@streetslaw.com).

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Please <b>type</b> or <b>print</b> your answers. If application is illegible it will not be considered.					
1.	Last Name: First Name:				
2.	Mailing Address: <div style="text-align: center;">Street:</div> <div style="text-align: center;">City: State: ZIP:</div>				
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: ( )				
4.	Evening Telephone Number: ( )				
5.	Email Address:				
6.	Date of Birth: Month Day Year				
8.	Law School:				
9.	Year: 1L 2L 3L LLM				
10.	Full name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of financial aid advisor:				
11.	Grade Point Average (GPA): (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent <b>official</b> school transcript required.				
12.	Name and city of high school attended:				Year Graduated:
13.	List the name of any college you have attended.	Year Began	Year Ended	Year Graduated (If applicable)	Type of Degree Received (If applicable)
	A.				
	B.				
	C.				
	D.				
14.	List expenses you expect to incur per semester or quarter:				
	A.	Tuition: Amount: \$			
	B.	Books: Amount: \$			
	C.	Room & Board: Amount: \$			
	D.	Other expenses: Amount: \$ Describe under comments			
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Comments:					

15.	List other financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter:	
	A.	Personal: Amount: \$
	B.	Other Scholarship(s): Amount: \$ Describe under comments
	C.	Grants: Amount: \$
	C.	Student Loan(s): Amount: \$
	D.	Other Financial Resources: Amount: \$
Comments:		

**Use an additional sheet if needed to list financial information requested in items 13 & 14.**

16. What are your educational and professional goals and objectives?

17. List your honors, awards and achievements while in college (you may, in the alternative, attach your resume if it has this information):

18. List your honors, awards and achievements while in law school (you may, in the alternative, attach your resume if it has this information):

19. List your membership and participation in extracurricular activities in college (you may, in the alternative, attach your resume if it has this information):

20. List your membership and participation in extracurricular activities in law school (you may, in the alternative, attach your resume if it has this information):

21. List your pro bono and/or community service activities while in college (you may, in the alternative, attach your resume if it has this information):

22. List your pro bono and/or community service activities while in law school (you may, in the alternative, attach your resume if it has this information):

23.	The following items must be submitted with this application in order for the application to be considered by the scholarship committee. (No exceptions)
	<b>Scholarship Essay.</b> The essay must be doubled-spaced, in Times New Roman 12-point font, with 1-inch borders, and shall not exceed 3 pages in length.
	<b>Two Reference Letters.</b> Each reference letter must be from someone in the legal profession (i.e., a law school professor, lawyer, judge, clinical director, etc.). Copies of reference letters will be accepted by email with the completed application. Applicant must retain at least one (1) original of each reference letter in a sealed envelope which shall be provided to the Foundation upon request.
	<b>Most Recent Official Law School Transcript.</b> Photocopies of your official transcript will be accepted by email with the completed application. However, applicant must retain at least one (1) original transcript in a sealed envelope which shall be provided to the Foundation upon request.

24.	I certify that I am a member of at least one of the following organizations:	
	<b>v</b>	<b>Name of organization</b>
		Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
		Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association (note that law students may join WDFJBA for free by visiting <a href="https://wdfjba.wildapricot.org/Pay-Annual-Membership-Dues">https://wdfjba.wildapricot.org/Pay-Annual-Membership-Dues</a> )

## STATEMENT OF ACCURACY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree that if any of this information is found to be false or incomplete, or if the Foundation becomes aware of any conduct on my part which is unethical or otherwise poorly reflects on the Foundation (as determined within the sole discretion of the Foundation) the Foundation may elect to rescind any offer of a scholarship that may be extended to me. Furthermore, I understand and consent that if I am selected to receive a scholarship, the Foundation is authorized to use my name and photograph for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Foundation's scholarship program. Nothing in this application, or any other document or representation, shall obligate the Foundation to award any scholarship.

I also understand and agree that I must be a full-time student in good standing in order to receive any disbursement of a scholarship, and that I will be required to provide proof of same. "Good standing" shall be defined as having a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or a GPA of 75 on a 100-point scale. The Foundation's Executive Board shall determine what is "good standing" on any other grading scale. Failure to satisfy this requirement, at any time, may result in the revocation of my scholarship, at the election of the Executive Board. The Board's decision shall be final and non-appealable.

**I understand that if I am selected as a scholarship recipient, I must be present at the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala at a location and on a date to be announced. I acknowledge and agree that my failure to attend the gala to accept my award in-person will result in forfeiture of the award.**

I further affirm that I am a current associate-member of the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association or that I am a current member of my school's Black Law Students Association (BLSA).

Signature of scholarship applicant:

Printed name of scholarship applicant:

Date:



QUESTION:

Charles Hamilton Houston opined: “For a Black lawyer, you are either a social engineer or a parasite to your community.”

Please reflect on this statement and discuss what it means to you. As you prepare to enter the practice of law, how do you anticipate this statement impacting your career, if at all?

Finally, discuss what and/or who inspired you to pursue a career in the legal field, as well as any obstacles you may have encountered on your journey. Discuss what legacy you hope to leave for your family and future generations of Black lawyers, if any.

