

WILKIE D. FERGUSON, JR. BAR FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

2024



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1. DEADLINE: Foundation scholarship applications must be received via email to info@wdfjba.org by **March 22, 2024 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 & Foundation Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala or Program on May 11, 2024, at 6:00 PM EST at the InterContinental Hotel Miami, 100 Chopin Plaza, Miami, FL 33131. **Failure to attend the gala to accept the award in-person will result in forfeiture of the award.** One (1) complimentary ticket will be provided to each winner for entry to the gala, and additional tickets may be available for purchase for guests (guests are encouraged to purchase tickets as soon as possible since there is a possibility that tickets will be sold out as the event date nears).
5. Except for book award recipients, all scholarship recipients agree to serve as fellows supporting the mission of the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Foundation and the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association. Fellowship activities may be completed in person or remotely. Recipients of scholarships totaling at least \$5,000 agree to serve in a one-year fellowship. Recipients of scholarships totaling at least \$1,000 agree to serve a four-month fellowship. For more information about fellowships, please contact us at info@wdfjba.org.
6. If you have any questions about the application, please contact Nydia Streets at (305) 961-1136 or via email at nydia@streetslaw.com.

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Please type or print your answers. If application is illegible, it will not be considered.	
1.	Last Name: First Name:
2.	Mailing Address: Street: City: State: ZIP:
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: ()
4.	Telephone Number & Name Associated with Your Zelle Account*:
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 (Applicants must affirmatively indicate whether they are permanent residents of Miami-Dade County and/or whether they attend a law school in Miami-Dade County, although residency is NOT a prerequisite for all scholarship funds) [†] :				
11.	Grade Point Average (GPA): (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent official 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.				

* By providing this information, you authorize the distribution of scholarship funds to you by the means designated.

[†] By providing this mailing address you are confirming that this is your legal mailing address and you are hereby agreeing to accept all scholarship checks, if awarded, through that address.

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
	m.	Other expenses: Amount: \$
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:		
16.	Specify Desired Fellowship Level (As detailed on Page 2, scholarships amounts are subject to fellowship commitments except with respect to book awards.) <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Year Fellowship○ Four-Month Fellowship	

Use an additional sheet if needed to list financial information requested in items 14 & 15.

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

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

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

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

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

23. 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):

24.	The following items must be submitted with this application in order for the application to be considered by the scholarship committee. (No exceptions)	
		Scholarship Essay. 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.
		Two Reference Letters. 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.
		Most Recent Official Law School Transcript. 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.

25.	I certify that I am a member of at least one of the following organizations:	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name of organization
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association (note that law students may join WDFJBA for free by visiting https://wdfjba.wildapricot.org/Pay-Annual-Membership-Dues)
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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 and sole discretion 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 to accept my award in-person when announced at the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala or Program on May 11, 2024, at 6:00 PM EST at the InterContinental Hotel Miami, 100 Chopin Plaza, Miami, FL 33131. I acknowledge and agree that my failure to attend the gala/program and to be present to accept my award in-person will result in forfeiture of the award. I further acknowledge and agree that I am enrolled full-time or part-time at a law school in Miami, Dade County or that I am otherwise a resident of Miami-Dade County. To the extent, the prior sentence does not apply to me, I affirm I have so indicated in response to Question No. 10. I also agree to serve as a fellow to the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Foundation and Association as detailed above. Fellows will learn first-hand about the mission of Wilkie D. and support its initiatives for equality and inclusion.

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:

STATEMENT REGARDING DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

I hereby agree to resolve any disputes that arise hereunder or related to this agreement in Small Claims Court in Miami-Dade County, Florida or, if jurisdiction is unavailable, in a superior court of competent jurisdiction. I further agree to accept service of process via electronic mail at the email address I designated above in my application. I further agree to update that email address to the extent it ever changes or I lose access by emailing info@wdfjba.org.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____

Date: _____

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ESSAY QUESTION

QUESTION:

This year's gala will be celebrated on the birthdate of The Honorable Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Discuss your understanding of the impact Judge Ferguson had on the legal community in South Florida.

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

