



WHEN THERE
ARE NINE 2020
EST. SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT

Scholarship Information and Application Instructions

Inspired by a commitment to honor the legacy of the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the When There Are Nine Scholarship Project (“WTA9 Scholarship”) was founded in 2020 in partnership with the Federal Bar Foundation (the “Foundation”) by a group of women who served together as Assistant United States Attorneys in the Southern District of New York. The scholarship seeks to advance equity and diversity within the legal profession by expanding career opportunities for women attorneys and supporting those attorneys in their legal educations and careers.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Each WTA9 Scholarship Recipient (“Recipient”) will be granted \$10,000 per academic year. In addition, Recipients will be assigned mentors who will provide support and guidance throughout the Recipient’s law school and early professional career. Recipients are expected to maintain regular communication with their mentors and attend regular events with their mentors. In collaboration with the Federal Bar Foundation, Recipients will be permitted to participate in Federal Bar Council (“FBC”) meetings and events while in law school and will receive membership to the FBC for the two years following their graduation.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT REQUIREMENTS

Recipients must maintain regular communication with their mentors as described above and actively participate in mentorship programming. In addition, within six months of graduation from law school, Recipients shall provide a written description of the impact of the WTA9 Scholarship on their legal career. Recipients also shall agree to be reasonably available for outreach and development work.

ELIGIBILITY

The 2021-2022 WTA9 Scholarship is open to all women, including students who consistently live and self-identify as women, regardless of their gender assignment at birth. Additionally, applicants must:

- have been accepted to an ABA-accredited J.D. program with a graduation date of 2022-2025 and intend to enroll or currently be enrolled in such a program;
- have demonstrated financial need; and
- have illustrated their commitment to academic achievement.

Although not required, the Selection Committee encourages applicants who have a demonstrated interest in public service. While we invite applications from those who live and attend school throughout the United States, given that a significant benefit of the program will come from mentorship and participation in events that will be largely based in New York City, we especially encourage applications from those attending law school in or around New York City and those who aspire to practice in New York. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, there is a preference for applicants who intend to practice law in the United States following graduation.

Finalists will also be required to interview with the Selection Committee.

All required application materials should be compiled in one Adobe PDF file and sent electronically to WTA9@federalbarcouncil.com no later than June 15, 2021.

We aim to notify Recipients no later than August 15, 2021.

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

1. Completed Application Form
2. References Form
3. Resume
4. Copy of Most Current Law School Financial Aid Award Letter
5. College and Law School Transcript(s)

All applicants must submit a copy of their most recent college transcript. Applicants who have completed at least one semester of law school should also submit a copy of their most recent law school transcript.



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Application Form 2021-2022

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INSTRUCTIONS

Please answer each question completely and accurately. If a question is not applicable, please indicate this by writing "N/A." If necessary, please use additional pages to complete your answers.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Gender Identity: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Racial or Ethnic Identity (optional): _____

EDUCATION

College: _____

Year of Graduation: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

Law School: _____

Anticipated Year of Graduation: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

State your ties to New York, if any, or plans to practice in New York:

If applicable, describe any financial circumstances (i.e., dependent care expenses, medical expenses, etc.) that are not otherwise reflected in your application or financial aid award letter.

QUESTIONS

Please answer both of the following questions. Please limit your answers to 200 words for each question.

1. What impact do you hope to make through your legal career?

2. Tell us something you want the committee to know about you. For example, the committee would welcome hearing about one of the following topics:
 - a. A challenge you have overcome;
 - b. Something that many people do not know about you;
 - c. Something you like to do during your free time; or
 - d. Anything that is not otherwise reflected in your application.

I certify that I have completed the above application truthfully. I understand that applying for a scholarship does not guarantee I will receive an award. I authorize the Federal Bar Council, the Federal Bar Foundation, and the When There Are Nine Scholarship Project to discuss my application, supporting materials, and/or academic credentials with individuals considering me for a scholarship. My signature also authorizes the Federal Bar Council, the Federal Bar Foundation, and the When There Are Nine Scholarship Project to publicize my receipt of any scholarship, as appropriate. I understand that decisions of the Selection Committee are final and are not subject to appeal. I understand that no feedback will be provided on my application.

SIGNATURE

DATE



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Please provide the names, telephone numbers, and email address for three (3) references that the Selection Committee may contact in connection with your application.

1. Name:

Relationship To Applicant:

Telephone:

Email:

2. Name:

Relationship To Applicant:

Telephone:

Email:

3. Name:

Relationship To Applicant:

Telephone:

Email: