

**WOMEN'S BAR FOUNDATION OF ILLINOIS
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Re: 2021 Women's Bar Foundation Scholarships

**TIME SENSITIVE APPLICATION INFORMATION –
Application Deadline 10/1/2021**

Dear Dean Krug:

The Illinois Women's Bar Foundation (“WBF”) is excited to again support and recognize outstanding women who attend law school in Illinois. Like last year, the WBF has decided to open the application process up to all eligible students for consideration. We are asking you to share the application materials **with all third-year female law students and encourage them to apply**. As Dean, we would greatly appreciate if you would encourage the students who you see as most deserving to apply, and to submit letters of recommendation for those students if you are able. The selection criteria is detailed in this letter and the enclosed application.

Cognizant of the growing expense of a law school education, the Foundation anticipates that it will award at least eight scholarships in 2021. The specific amount will be determined in the coming months, but scholarships are anticipated to range from \$5,000 to \$10,000, with the potential for additional runner-up scholarships to be awarded at the discretion of the WBF Board. As in the past, the Foundation seeks to recognize women who have demonstrated a commitment to the advancement of women both in the legal profession and within the community at large. In selecting award recipients, the Foundation will consider a variety of factors, including, but not limited to, the candidate’s academic achievement,

history of public or community service, leadership, and financial need. The Board will award scholarships based on the following criteria:

- A third-year, female law student;
- Strong academic record;
- Present and past extracurricular activities reflecting community involvement or participation in activities within and outside of law school that show a commitment to helping other women, either within in the legal community or through public service or public interest law;
- Involvement with initiatives concerning the advancement of women in the legal profession and within the community at large; and
- Personal qualities that suggest a future leadership role in the legal community.

Please note that we ask students to submit completed applications directly to the WBF at wbf scholarship@gmail.com. Each applicant is required to provide via email to the email address below: **(1) a law school transcript, (2) a resume, (3) a letter of recommendation (from you or another faculty member or administrator), and (4) a completed Scholarship Application (enclosed)**. The WBF Board would greatly appreciate if you, as Dean, would consider submitting letters of recommendation for up to 2 applicants from your school.

Scholarship nominations must be received no later than **11:59 p.m. on Friday, October 1, 2021** to Amy O'Conner at wbf scholarship@gmail.com

We have enclosed a word version of the Scholarship Application for students to complete. Please share this application with all eligible students. Once the application is complete, we ask each nominee to print and sign (or electronically sign) the signature page of the application and scan it to PDF. Applicants should then provide the completed application along with a copy of their resume, law school transcript, and a recommendation letter electronically to wbf scholarship@gmail.com. If faculty members would prefer to submit their letters of recommendation directly to the WBF Board, they can do so by submitting their letters to wbf scholarship@gmail.com as well.

After considering the applicants from all of the Illinois law schools, we will invite select students to be interviewed by the Foundation's Board of Directors on **Saturday, October 16, 2021**. We anticipate that interviews will be conducted via Zoom this year for the safety of all applicant and the WBF Board. We will notify the nominees of the precise time of their interview by Monday, October 11, 2021. A student's inability to attend the virtual interview will result in disqualification from consideration.

Thank you for your anticipated assistance. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at amy.oconner@uchicagomedicine.org or telephone at 586.242.0968.

Sincerely,

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