

Santa Barbara Women Lawyers Foundation 2021 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Santa Barbara Women Lawyers Foundation issues a number of scholarships each year of varying amounts (\$1,500 - \$3,000) to law students of **all gender identities and expressions**. Please see the instructions on the next page for deadlines and submittal requirements. An applicant may receive more than one scholarship. The award of scholarships is discretionary based on qualification, and may not be awarded every year. Please also note that the Foundation reserves discretion to direct the scholarship funds to the student's law school, the student, or to law student-related necessities such as bar preparation courses, books, etc. The Foundation is accepting applications for the following scholarships.

Honorable William McLafferty Memorial Award

The McLafferty Memorial Award is the most prestigious award given by the Foundation. It is awarded to the student with demonstrated academic achievements and possession of traits critical to the ethical practice of law. The Honorable William McLafferty very much embodied the role of judge and played a major leadership role in the court for many years. Judge McLafferty was first appointed to the Santa Barbara Superior Court Bench in November 1997 after having practiced law since the late 1960s. From 2007-2008, Judge McLafferty served as presiding judge. He was a dedicated public servant and a well-respected member of the Santa Barbara legal community. The applicant who best encompasses the traits set forth in the Foundation Scholarships criteria is awarded the coveted McLafferty Memorial Award.

Foundation Scholarships

The Foundation Scholarships require a single application packet for consideration of the Honorable James E. Herman Scholarship of Excellence. The scholarships are open to law students. Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria: (1) academic achievement, (2) commitment to gender equality (i.e., any and all identities and expressions); (3) commitment to the greater Santa Barbara community; (4) service to the community at large; (5) leadership; and (6) overcoming setbacks. The committee may also consider financial need as an additional factor, but the scholarships are open to applicants of all socioeconomic backgrounds.

➤ **Honorable James E. Herman Scholarship of Excellence**

The Honorable James E. Herman Scholarship of Excellence is presented by the Honorable Denise de Bellefeuille (Ret.) in honor to her husband, and judge, the Honorable James Herman, for his loving support for their 36-year partnership. Both Judge Herman and Judge de Bellefeuille have been members and supporters of SBWL. Applicants will be evaluated based on the Foundation Scholarships criteria.

Anticouni & Ricotta Scholarship

At Anticouni & Ricotta, California's employers and employees alike receive quality representation. The firm's expertise extends over Contracts, Discrimination, Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), Sexual Harassment, Wrongful Termination, and many more. The firm has been a trailblazer in the practice of employment law, filing the first wage and hour class action more than 40 years ago. Applicants will be evaluated based on two criteria: (1) financial need, and (2) overcoming obstacles based on socioeconomic and/or educational disadvantage.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Tribute Scholarship

The Honorable Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a champion of race and gender equality. As trailblazing attorney, she was a fierce and strategic litigator using her powerful reasoning to create social change. As a Justice, she was a beacon of integrity and known for her commanding dissents. Justice Ginsburg's legacy is one of inspiration and courage to use the law to impact lives and promote social justice. In an effort to honor her legacy, Santa Barbara Women Lawyers Foundation has established the RBG Tribute Scholarship Award. This scholarship is open to both undergraduate and law students. A successful candidate for this scholarship will encompass the traits of Justice Ginsburg and show a commitment to her legacy as described above.

Santa Barbara Women Lawyers Foundation
2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete the questions listed below fully (typed) and submit a PDF emailed as an attachment to sbwlfoundation@gmail.com to be received by 6:30 p.m. on **June 1, 2021**. If a question is not applicable, please mark it N/A; do not leave it blank.

In addition to the questions listed below, please provide the following **mandatory** items when submitting your application:

- Your resume;
- A copy (Unofficial is acceptable) of your law school transcript (if available) or your undergraduate transcript (only if law school transcript not available);
- Between two (2) and four (4) recommendation letters from individuals who have known you for at least one year; and
- A personal statement of not more than one page, in 12 point times new roman font, single spaced, on the topic(s) set forth for each scholarship that you are applying for. If you are applying for more than one of the following, then a separate personal statement responding to each is required and should be clearly labeled.
 - **Foundation Scholarships (Honorable James E. Herman Scholarship of Excellence and NordstrandBlack PC Scholarship):** A personal statement that includes something about you personally (background; family; hobbies; business, professional, community or school activities in which you have been involved); any personal and/or professional challenges you have experienced in life, including overcoming obstacles related to socioeconomic and/or educational disadvantage; any activities involving the advancement of women or women's rights; your connection to Santa Barbara County; and your short and long term goals upon successful completion of law school and the bar examination.
 - **Anticouni & Ricotta Scholarship:** A personal statement explaining your personal or professional experience overcoming obstacles related to socioeconomic and/or educational disadvantage.
 - **Ruth Bader Ginsburg Tribute Scholarship:** A personal statement explaining why you should receive the RBG Tribute Scholarship. For example, but not limited to, how the late RBG has inspired you and your future ambitions, a trait or traits that you embody that pay tribute to RBG.

Zoom interviews will take place during the months of June through August 2021, between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Scholarships will be awarded in late September 2021 and recipients will be invited to attend an event to honor their achievement in October 2021.

If you have questions about your application or the application process, please email sbwlfoundation@gmail.com with your name, telephone number, email address, and a general description of your inquiry.

**Santa Barbara Women Lawyers Foundation
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Permanent Address (If Different): _____

Telephone Numbers: Home: _____ Work: _____

Email: _____

How did you hear about the SBWL Foundation Scholarships?

Please list the undergraduate institutions you have attended, dates of attendance, and what degree(s) were obtained:

1. _____
2. _____

Undergraduate cumulative grade point average: _____

Please list the law schools you have, are or will be attending, as well as dates of attendance:

1. _____
2. _____

LSAT score or percentile: _____ Years of law school completed: _____

Law school cumulative grade point average: _____

Languages spoken fluently:

Extra-Curricular Activities, Awards, Honors and Offices Held:

Describe your community service involvement and achievements:

Please describe any activities in which you were involved that provided for the advancement of the rights or needs of women:

Describe your future Ambitions/Career or Education Goals:

If awarded the scholarship, what would you use the funds toward?:

OPTIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

As stated above, one of the factors that may be considered, but is not required, is financial need. If you would like to be considered on the basis of financial need, please complete the following optional questions. If you do not wish to be considered on the basis of financial need, you may leave these questions blank. Please note that financial need is only one of many factors considered and is not a necessary requirement for receipt of this scholarship.

Are you currently receiving financial aid? If yes, please describe:

Please describe your financial circumstances and need for this scholarship:

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the State of California, that the information provided in this entire application package is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Date: _____

Printed Name

Signature

AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH PERSONAL STATEMENT

If selected for the Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Tribute Scholarship, I hereby allow Santa Barbara Women Lawyers to publish my personal statement. I understand and consent that my personal statement will be published to the Santa Barbara Women Lawyers website in a dedicated tribute.

Date: _____

Printed Name

Signature