



DIVERSITY BAR PREPARATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Mission of the Washington State Association for Justice (WSAJ) is to stand up in the courtroom and the halls of government for real people. We defend your Constitutional rights, including the right to have your day in court. We hold corporate and other powerful interests accountable. We are a community creating and sharing resources for our members to secure justice.

WSAJ is committed to implementing strategies that will result in significant and measurable progress towards increasing diversity in the plaintiff's bar. To help achieve this endeavor, WSAJ has pledged scholarship monies to assist diverse individuals in covering the tuition cost of a Themis bar preparation course. Diversity refers to individuals who self-identify with those groups historically discriminated against and or those groups that are historically under-represented in the legal profession based on disability, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on several criteria, including (but not limited to) demonstrated interest and intent to practice in the plaintiff's bar, financial need, academic achievements, extracurricular and community activities, and life experiences. No single criterion is determinative.

If a selected applicant has already enrolled in a Themis course, they will be reimbursed up to \$1,395. **Applicants must be a diverse individual as defined above and must take the Washington State bar exam in the next year.**

Applications are due by **Friday, November 17, 2017**. All applicants will receive email notification from WSAJ of award or non-award by **December 15, 2017**. Additional application instructions can be found at the end of this form.

Hardeep Rekhi & Catherine Fleming

Co-Chairs of the WSAJ Diversity Committee



APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Are you an APR 6 law clerk? (Y/N) _____ Law School: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Are you currently enrolled for a Bar Prep course: Yes No

If yes, what course are you enrolled with: _____

Amount of Deposit: \$ _____ Amount owing: \$ _____

Ethnicity/Race:

- Black/African Descent
- American Indian/Native
- American/Alaskan Native
- Caucasian/White
- Spanish/Hispanic/Latina/o
- Asian
- Pacific Islander
- Multi-Racial
- Other (Please Specify) _____

Gender: _____

Do you have a disability? Yes

Do you identify as a sexual minority (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer)? Yes

Please explain in which group or groups you believe that you fall within that has been historically discriminated against and/or those groups that are historically under-represented in the legal profession based on disability, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression: _____

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Please attach to this application:

1. A résumé including past work experience along with any achievements, honors, clubs, associations, community activities, or hobbies.
2. A brief essay, **not to exceed two pages**, typed and double spaced, stating why you would like to be considered for this scholarship. **Your essay should primarily discuss your ideal law practice post-graduation and how that practice fits into WSAJ's mission.** Please feel free to provide any additional background information you would like the WSAJ Diversity Committee to consider. For example, you may consider discussing whether you are the first person in your family to attend undergraduate or law school, any prior professional experiences or achievements, obstacles and challenges that you have overcome, any community service work you are involved in, and/or what compelled you to attend law school.

Deadline for Application:

All applications and requested materials **must be received by Friday, November 17, 2017**. They should be mailed to: WSAJ, Diversity Bar Prep Scholarship, 1809 7th Avenue, Suite 1500, Seattle, WA 98101-1328 **OR** emailed to Raphaela Weissman at raphaela@washingtonjustice.org.

Signature: _____ Date: _____