Up to Twelve (12) $4,000 Diversity Scholarships to be Awarded by the ACC Houston Chapter to Law Students in Their 2nd or 3rd Year for Fall of 2017 and Who Meet Certain Criteria

The Association of Corporate Counsel Houston Chapter (ACC) intends to grant up to twelve (12) $4,000 scholarships to qualified students from the three Houston-area law schools. The scholarships will consist of one-time grants that will be awarded to the recipients only once in their law school years. The scholarships are intended to be, and should be, used by the law students for tuition and other expenses directly related to law school, otherwise the scholarship money will be taxable income to the students.

Students at your school are encouraged to apply for these scholarships. Applicants must be in their second or third year of law school in the fall of 2017. Additionally, the following criteria, listed in order of importance, will be evaluated by the selection committee:

1. Enrollment at one of the Houston-area law schools in the Fall 2017 semester;
2. Diverse status as a racial or ethnic minority;
3. Academic accomplishment (i.e., official transcript reflecting the student’s calculated GPA and overall ranking in the top third of his or her class);
4. Financial need (i.e., financial aid letter showing the student’s financial budget for the school year);
5. Extra-curricular activities (e.g., pro bono); and
6. Service to the law school.

If you are interested in applying for one of the scholarships, complete the application, which is available in your school’s financial aid office, and attach an essay that includes (i) an introductory paragraph about yourself, (ii) a paragraph discussing items (2) through (6) above, and (iii) a paragraph about the importance of diversity in the legal profession. The essay should be limited to 500 words. To be considered your completed application package must include the application, essay, your résumé, a letter from your financial aid office, and your academic transcript through the spring semester 2015.

Please provide your completed application package TO SONDRA TENNESSEE, ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS by Wednesday, November 15, 2017 in order to be considered for one of these scholarships.

Scholarship recipients will be required to attend the ACC Diversity Reception which will be held during the 2018 spring semester, as well as participate in one of the ACC’s Pro Bono activities. The scholarships will be awarded during the 2017 fall semester.
Diversity Scholarship Application for 2017-18 Academic School Year

Name: ___________________________ Law School: ___________________________

Graduation Year: __________________ Class Rank (top 5%, 10%, 15%, 20%, 25%, 33 1/3%):

Grade Point Average: __________________ (Through ______________ [Semester Year])

Scholarships received (including amounts): __________________________________________

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Identify Racial/Ethnic Minority Group to which you belong: ___________________________

I hereby grant to the Association of Corporate Counsel Houston Chapter and the Association of Corporate Counsel National Organization (collectively “ACC”) the right to verify any information provided on this application, as well as anything submitted to ACC with this application, including but not limited to my résumé, academic transcript, financial aid letter, and essay, for consideration of an ACC Houston Chapter Diversity Scholarship.

I further authorize ACC to provide copies of my résumé, transcript, and essay which I submit in the application package to any company and/or individual which may sponsor a mini-internship that I may participate in, or to any company, law firm, individual, or other entity which expresses an interest in obtaining a copy of such information, based upon my receipt of an ACC Houston Chapter Diversity Scholarship.

I hereby provide my written consent to the ACC Houston Chapter and to any member of the ACC Houston Chapter board to obtain an official academic transcript from any law school in which I am currently enrolled as may be needed to fully evaluate my application for an ACC Houston Chapter Diversity Scholarship.

I further acknowledge that, if I am awarded an ACC Houston Chapter Diversity Scholarship, if the scholarship money is used for any purpose other than tuition and/or other expenses directly related to law school that I will be required to report the scholarship money as taxable income.

I will also try to update my contact information on file with the ACC Houston Chapter by sending such updates to HoustonACCadmin@houstonacc.org for the next five (5) years so that I can be contacted regarding future ACC events to which the ACC Houston Chapter may wish to invite me.

I hereby certify, by my original signature below, that the information in my application package, including my résumé, transcript, and financial aid letter, is true and complete, and I acknowledge and agree that providing any false information in my application package will be grounds for my elimination from consideration for an ACC Houston Chapter Diversity Scholarship.

Signature: ___________________________ Phone: __________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _________ Zip: ___________

Email: _____________________________