ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN ATTORNEYS FOUNDATION
2018 SCHOLARSHIP

The ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN ATTORNEYS (“AWA”) is currently seeking qualified applicants for AWA Foundation (“AWAF”) scholarships to be awarded to deserving second and third year female law students in Houston, Texas. The application is attached.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The AWAF Scholarships are intended to:

Recognize law students who have demonstrated a commitment to excellence and an aptitude for leadership and philanthropy;

Promote excellence in legal studies by providing assistance to deserving students; and

Advance the purposes of the AWA and the AWAF, which include promoting the welfare and interests of women lawyers, maintaining the honor and integrity of the profession of law, encouraging philanthropy by women lawyers, and informing and educating women lawyers on matters pertaining to their professional interests and status.

See: http://www.awahouston.org

AWARDS GIVEN: At least one Second Year Scholarship of $2,500 and at least one Third Year Scholarship of $3,500 will be awarded to deserving female students at each of the three Houston area law schools (University of Houston, South Texas College of Law Houston, and Thurgood Marshall School of Law). The scholarship recipients will also receive a professional head shot and a membership in the AWA for one year and will be honored at the AWA Premier Women in Law Luncheon on March 29, 2018.

ELIGIBILITY: Any current second or third year female law student currently enrolled at a law school in Houston, Texas who has earned at least 30 credit hours is eligible to apply.

CRITERIA: Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership and philanthropic potential, a strong commitment to the profession, and/or the ability to overcome difficult obstacles. Involvement in programs that highlight advancement or support of women in the legal profession and in the community and participation in community outreach programs will also be considered. Financial need will also be considered.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, January 19, 2018 if mailed. Emailed applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. CST on Monday, January 22, 2018.

RECOGNITION DATE: March 29, 2018 at the annual AWA Premier Women in Law Luncheon. All scholarship recipients are expected to attend the luncheon as guests of honor.
2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT REQUESTED INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION AND INCLUDE ATTACHMENTS WHERE NECESSARY, AS INDICATED.

Submit the completed application, resume, and personal statement in one packet to the mailing address below or scan and email the documents in one email to the email address below. Letters of recommendation may be included in the application packet or email, or may be mailed or emailed separately. If sent separately, letters of recommendation must include the following identifying information: 2L or 3L, name of law school, and your name. For example:

Email Submissions (example):

Subject Line: 2L, Texas Southern/Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Smith, Maria

On Reference Letter (example):

RE: 3L, Texas Southern/Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Smith, Maria

Submit applications and reference/recommendation letters to:

AWAF Scholarship Application
c/o Alaina King Benford | Partner
Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP
1301 McKinney, Suite 5100
Houston, Texas 77010-3095

Or by e-mail to alaina.benford@nortonrosefulbright.com

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Contact for Questions:
Alaina King Benford
Tel +1 713 651 3666
alaina.benford@nortonrosefulbright.com
I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Circle One:  2L    3L    Number of Hours Successfully Completed:_____

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Law School

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Name

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Home Phone Number: (___)_________________
Mobile Phone Number: (___)_______________
E-Mail Address: ___________________________

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II. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Anticipated Graduation Date (include month and year): ____________

Grade Point Average: ________    Class Standing: ___________________________

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A. Other Graduate Degrees:

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B. **Honors and Awards**: Please list below (or include in an attachment) any academic honors you received during your undergraduate, post-graduate, or law school education.

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C. **Extracurricular Activities**: Please list below (or include in an attachment) any groups with which you have been involved, the mission of the organization, the length of your involvement with the organization and any leadership roles you currently hold or have held in such groups:

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III. **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

Please list below (or include in an attachment) your involvement in any social, civic, religious, professional or other community groups, including any groups working to support or advance women’s issues. Please include any leadership roles you currently hold or have held in such groups and the dates of your involvement.

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IV. WORK EXPERIENCE

Please list (or include in an attachment) your employment following college graduation (including any legal clerkships).

Please also attach your current resume.

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V. REFERENCES/RECOMMENDATIONS

Please identify two individuals who have observed your academic, professional, leadership, philanthropic, work experience and/or other involvement in activities that you believe qualify you for this scholarship and provide a letter of recommendation from each individual. (Letters of recommendation may be attached to this application or sent separately following the instructions for submission of letters of recommendation on page 2).

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VI. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please attach to this application a general statement of your career objectives and your expectations with respect to the practice of law. Please include answers to the following questions:

(1) Why did you decide to go to law school?

(2) What do you plan to do after law school?

(3) Why should you be awarded this scholarship? (If applicable, please describe obstacles you have overcome which demonstrate your strength of character, determination, maturity, etc.)
The Personal Statement is limited to 350 words allocated among the three questions at your discretion. Please include a word count for your Personal Statement at the end of the statement.

VII. AWF Pro Bono Fellowship Program (3L students only)

Through the AWF’s Pro Bono Fellowship Program, the Harris County District Attorney’s Office, Houston Volunteer Lawyers, and the Tahirih Justice Center will each select one 3L AWF scholarship applicant who will serve the community as an intern or fellow from September 1, 2018 through August 30, 2019. The AWF Intern in the Harris County District Attorney’s Office will work in the Sex Crimes Division with a team engaged in the investigation and prosecution of sexual offenders. At Tahirih Justice Center, fellows will work on matters involving gender-based asylum, Violence against Women’s Act petitions, and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status visas. At Houston Volunteer Lawyers, fellows will assist with legal matters involving family law, guardianship, estate planning, landlord/tenant disputes, homeownership, and consumer law.

Please indicate below whether you wish to be considered for the AWF Pro Bono Fellowship Program. If you mark “yes” below, the AWF will submit a copy of this application on your behalf to the Harris County District Attorney’s Office, Houston Volunteer Lawyers, and the Tahirih Justice Center. Please include a short statement about your interest in these positions in the space provided below.

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By completing this application, you permit the AWA and the AWF to use, edit, and/or publish your photograph or video testimonial that includes your name, likeness, image, voice, participation, and performance on film in the associations’ promotional materials.