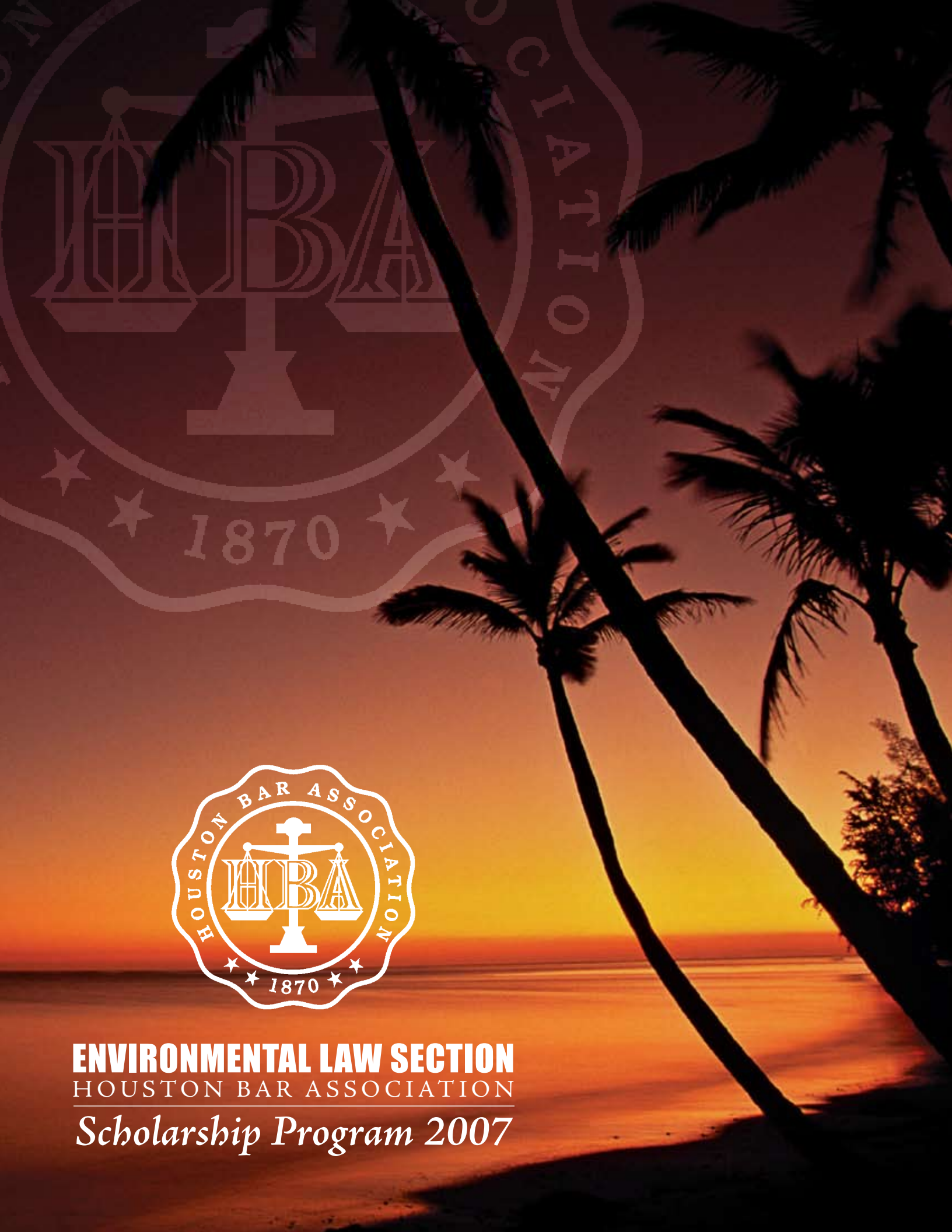

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Scholarship Objectives: The purpose of the Environmental Law Section of the Houston Bar Association (HBA-ELS) is to assist environmental and natural resources lawyers develop professionally through continuing legal education and networking events. In order to further this purpose, HBA-ELS has developed a scholarship program for Houston-area law students interested in pursuing a career in environmental or natural resources law.

The Award: Three scholarships of $750 each will be awarded to the top application selected by the HBA-ELS from each Houston-area law school.[1] In addition, each scholarship recipient will receive a one-year membership to the HBA-ELS along with complimentary attendance at the monthly luncheons for that year. Scholarship applicants must submit a résumé, completed application form, and brief essay to be considered. The top six candidates based on the written submissions (two candidates from each school) will then be interviewed by the HBA-ELS. The three scholarship recipients will be chosen from these six finalists.

Scholarship Criteria and Eligibility: To be awarded one of the three HBA-ELS scholarships, a student must meet the following criteria and be selected by the HBA-ELS scholarship committee:

- The student must be a 2L or 3L student attending the University of Houston Law Center, South Texas College of Law, or Thurgood Marshall School of Law;
- The student must be able to demonstrate a sincere interest in pursuing a career in environmental or natural resources law;
- The student must have completed (or be enrolled in) an environmental or natural resources law course. Environmental or natural resources work experience or a degree (or college coursework) from an accredited college or university may be substituted for this requirement.
- The student must submit a personal résumé that includes his or her name, contact information, educational background, current class standing or grade point average, and prior work experience;
- The student must complete the application form attached to this cover page; and
- The student must complete an interview process (if selected).

[1] The ELS, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to award no scholarships if it determines that no applicants satisfy the scholarship criteria and eligibility standards set forth in this application. Further, in the event that fewer than two applications are submitted from any one school, those applications will be merged with the applications of the school with the next fewest applicants for consideration and considered part of that school. Regardless of the number of scholarship recipients, the amount of the scholarship ($750) will not change.

To Apply: Mail or E-Mail completed application and current résumé **BY Friday, September 21, 2007** to:

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HBA-ELS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

School _____

Year *(circle one)* ***2L*** or ***3L***

Name of Environmental and/or Natural Resource course(s) completed (or in which you are currently enrolled): _____

Please answer the following questions and attach your answers to this application.

1. The most important component of the selection criteria for this scholarship is an interest in pursuing a career in environmental or natural resources law. Please describe why you are interested in pursuing a career in environmental or natural resources law, including any work experiences, personal experiences, papers you have written, or speeches you have given that sparked or furthered this interest.

2. Please describe any financial need or extenuating circumstances you feel the HBA-ELS Scholarship Committee should consider.

3. Please attach a two to three page essay on a current environmental or natural resources topic of your choice. Essays should be double-spaced on 8 ½ x 11" paper.