

CENTRAL ILLINOIS WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION



February 5, 2014

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Stephanie Hammer, and I am the Chair of the Scholarship Committee for the Central Illinois Women's Bar Association. Each year, we award a discretionary scholarship for a current or aspiring female law student from the central Illinois area. Please find enclosed a Press Release and the 2014 Scholarship Application for distribution to your qualifying students (note that applications must be postmarked or emailed by March 24, 2014). Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information, and I thank you for your consideration and time.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie P. Hammer". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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PRESS RELEASE

February 3, 2014

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: The Central Illinois Women's Bar Association is currently accepting applications for a \$2,000 non-renewable scholarship to be awarded in 2014. The scholarship is jointly funded by the Central Illinois Women's Bar Association and the Sangamon County Bar Association. It is open to female college students or college graduates intending to go to law school and women currently attending an accredited law school. In addition, each applicant must have been a resident of one of the following central Illinois counties at the time she graduated high school: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Greene, Jersey, Livingston, Logan, Macon, McClean, Menard, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Piatt, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Vermilion, or Woodford. To receive a copy of the application or more information, contact Stephanie R. Hammer by email at hammer@bhslaw.com. Completed applications must be postmarked by March 24, 2014 or emailed by that date to hammer@bhslaw.com.

Central Illinois Women's Bar Association Scholarship Program

Award:

One \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded in 2014. This scholarship is non-renewable and funded by the Central Illinois Women's Bar Association (CIWBA) and the Sangamon County Bar Association (SCBA). This is a discretionary monetary award to be used for school expenses.

Applying:

1. Fill out the entire attached application form.
2. Write an essay, of a maximum two (2) pages in length, on one of the assigned topics. The essay must be typewritten in 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced with one-inch margins, and on separate paper. Include your name and address in the upper right hand corner of the essay and staple the essay pages together.
3. Obtain two letters of recommendation. Only one may be from a professor, counselor or administrator. Neither may be from a relative. The letters of recommendation should be sent directly to CIWBA at the address listed below by the referents. All letters must indicate the full name of the candidate he or she is recommending. Applicants should fill out the information for the two referents asked to write letters in the space provided on the application form.
4. If you are currently in college, law school, or are applying to law school, enclose with the application and essay a school transcript for the most recent term completed. A certified copy of the transcript is not required.
5. Include a current resume.
6. Send the application materials in one envelope to:

Central Illinois Women's Bar Association
Attn: Stephanie Hammer
205 S. Fifth Street, Ste. 700
Springfield, IL 62701
6. All applications and letters of recommendation must be postmarked by March 24, 2014, to be considered. You may also e-mail applications to: hammer@bhslaw.com.
7. If you would like acknowledgment that CIWBA received your application materials, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your application materials.
8. CIWBA will notify the scholarship recipient no later than April 14, 2014.*

** The recipient will be asked to attend a luncheon sponsored by the SCBA in Springfield, Illinois, on law day (Thursday, May 1, 2014) to receive her scholarship.*

Eligibility:

1. To apply you must be:

-Female.

-A student enrolled in an accredited two or four year college or university in the Fall of 2014, intending to go to law school; OR

-A graduate or law student applying to attend or attending an accredited law school.*

2. You must have been a resident of one of the following Illinois counties when you graduated high school:

Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Greene, Jersey, Livingston, Logan, Macon, McLean, Menard, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Piatt, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Vermilion, and Woodford.

**Recipient will be required to provide proof of enrollment for the Fall 2014 semester prior to receipt of the scholarship award.*

Judging:

The CIWBA Scholarship Program Committee will consider the applications materials of all scholarship applicants. The award will be based upon the written essay, school transcript, school and community activities and letters of recommendation. The CIWBA is looking for an individual with involvement, dedication and interest and commitment to the law with a goal of becoming a full participant in the Central Illinois legal community.

APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____ Cell: _____

County: _____ e-mail: _____

High School: _____

College: _____

Graduate School: _____

Major or intended major: _____ GPA: _____

Minor or intended minor: _____

Extracurricular/community activities: _____

Referents: (must have two)

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

e-mail: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

ESSAY

Name: _____

Address: _____

Topic Number:

Essay Topics: (choose 1)

1. What specific knowledge, skills, and abilities do you think women attorneys bring to the legal community? Explain.
2. What has inspired you to pursue a career in the legal field?
3. If you could change one aspect of the legal system, what would you change, and why?

(staple this page to your essay response)