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Carl Wedekind Diversity Scholars Program at the Legal Aid Society

Purpose

At the Legal Aid Society we believe excellence and diversity go hand in hand. Diversity produces different perspectives, richer thinking, creative solutions, and a collegial culture of mutual respect. In sum, it enhances our ability to represent clients whose basic human needs are threatened.

Through the Carl Wedekind Diversity Scholars Program at the Legal Aid Society, we demonstrate our commitment to increase the number of attorneys who are historically under-represented and who wish to pursue a career in public interest law. The Carl Wedekind Diversity Scholars Program affords the opportunity for a law student to spend a summer with us assisting our attorney staff with legal problems faced by low-income families.

Eligibility

To be selected as a Carl Wedekind Diversity Scholar at the Legal Aid Society, students must be enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school and intend to practice in the Louisville-area upon graduation. Students must have successfully completed the first year of a full-time J.D. program by May 2017, and must be able to spend 12 weeks during the summer to work full-time at the Legal Aid Society.

Award

The Carl Wedekind Diversity Scholars Program awards a financial stipend of \$3,500 to the Diversity Scholar.

Application

To be considered for the Carl Wedekind Diversity Scholars Program, please complete and submit the attached application form, resume, unofficial or official law school transcript, and a personal statement to the Legal Aid Society, by **March 11, 2017**. Completed applications should be sent via email to Melissa Foster, Executive Assistant, at mfoster@laslou.org. Selection and notification of the Diversity Scholar will be completed by March 18, 2017.



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Carl Wedekind Diversity Scholars Program Application

Your complete application package must include the following information:

- This application form (signed and dated)
- Resume
- Unofficial or official law school transcript
- Personal Statement (no more than 500 words)

In your personal statement, please keep in mind that this is not an application for employment. Instead, we are interested in your commitment to public interest law. We consider such factors as

- How this scholarship will support your commitment to increase the number of historically under-represented attorneys
- Life experiences that have shaped your values and provide you with a unique perspective
- Your ability and commitment to contribute to the diversity objectives of the Legal Aid Society
- Academic and/or leadership achievements
- Desire to work in public interest law upon graduation

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Law School: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Languages other than English in which you are proficient: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Your application (this form, resume, transcript, and personal statement) should be submitted in one complete package via email to mfoster@laslou.org by 4 p.m. on March 11, 2017. The email subject line should be titled: "Diversity Scholars Application".