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1. DEADLINE: Foundation scholarship applications must be received via email to info@wdfjba.org by **March 24, 2017 at 5:00 PM EST** (no exceptions).
2. Refer to page six (6) of this application for a list of the supporting documents required to be submitted with the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered.
4. If you are selected as a scholarship recipient you must be present at the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association 39th Annual Scholarship Awards and Gala at the Bayfront Park Marina, 301 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Florida 33132 on April 15, 2017. **Failure to attend the gala to accept the award in-person will result in forfeiture of the award.**
5. If you have any questions about the application, please contact Nydia Streets at (786) 708-0814 or via email at: nydia@streetslaw.com.

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Please type or print your answers. If application is illegible it will not be considered.					
1.	Last Name: First Name:				
2.	Mailing Address: Street: City: State: ZIP:				
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: ()				
4.	Evening Telephone Number: ()				
5.	Email Address:				
6.	Date of Birth: Month Day Year				
8.	Law School:				
9.	Year: 1L 2L 3L LLM				
10.	Grade Point Average (GPA): (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent official school transcript required.				
11.	Name and city of high school attended:				Year Graduated:
12.	List the name of any college you have attended.	Year Began	Year Ended	Year Graduated (If applicable)	Type of Degree Received (If applicable)
	A.				
	B.				
	C.				
	D.				
13.	List expenses you expect to incur per semester or quarter:				
	A.	Tuition: Amount: \$			
	B.	Books: Amount: \$			
	C.	Room & Board: Amount: \$			
	D.	Other expenses: Amount: \$ Describe under comments			
	m.	Other expenses: Amount: \$ "			
Comment	s:				

14.	List other financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter:	
	A.	Personal: Amount: \$
	B.	Other Scholarship(s): Amount: \$ Describe under comments
	C.	Grants: Amount: \$ "
	C.	Student Loan(s): Amount: \$ "
	D.	Other Financial Resources: Amount: \$ "
Comments:		

Use an additional sheet if needed to list financial information requested in items 13 & 14.

15. What are your educational and professional goals and objectives?

16. List your honors, awards and achievements while in college: (You may, in the alternative, attach your resume if it has this information.)

17. List your honors, awards and achievements while in law school: (You may, in the alternative, attach your resume if it has this information.)

18. List your membership and participation in extracurricular activities in college: (You may, in the alternative, attach your resume if it has this information.)

19. List your membership and participation in extracurricular activities in law school: (You may, in the alternative, attach your resume if it has this information.)

20. List your pro bono and/or community service activities while in college: (You may, in the alternative, attach your resume if it has this information.)

21. List your pro bono and/or community service activities while in law school: (You may, in the alternative, attach your resume if it has this information.)

22.	The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to be considered by the scholarship committee. (No exceptions.)
	Scholarship Essay. The essay must be doubled-spaced, in Times New Roman 12-point font, with 1-inch borders, and shall not exceed 3 pages in length.
	Two Reference Letters. Each reference letter must be from someone in the legal profession (i.e., a law school professor, lawyer, judge, clinical director, etc.). Copies of reference letters will be accepted by email attached to the completed application. Applicant must retain at least one (1) original of each reference letter in a sealed envelope which shall be provided to the Foundation upon request.
	Most Recent Official Law School Transcript. Photocopies of your official transcript will be accepted by email attached to the completed application. However, applicant must retain at least one (1) original transcript in a sealed envelope which shall be provided to the Foundation upon request.

23.	I certify that I am a member of at least one of the following organizations:	
	v	Name of organization
		Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
		Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association (application is attached if not already a member)

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree that if any of this information is found to be false or incomplete, the Foundation may elect to rescind any offer of a scholarship that may be extended to me. Furthermore, I understand and consent that if I am selected to receive a scholarship, the Foundation is authorized to use my name and photograph for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Foundation's scholarship program. Nothing in this application, or any other document or representation, shall obligate the Foundation to award any scholarship.

I also understand and agree that I must be a full-time student in good standing in order to receive any disbursement of a scholarship, and that I will be required to provide proof of same. "Good standing" shall be defined as having a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or a GPA of 75 on a 100-point scale. The Foundation's Executive Board shall determine what is "good standing" on any other grading scale. Failure to satisfy this requirement, at any time, may result in the revocation of my scholarship, at the election of the Executive Board. The Board's decision shall be final and non-appealable.

I understand that if I am selected as a scholarship recipient, I must be present at the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association 39th Annual Scholarship Awards and Gala at the Bayfront Park Marina, 301 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Florida 33132 on April 15, 2017. I acknowledge and agree that failure to attend the gala to accept my award in-person will result in forfeiture of the award.

I further affirm that I am a current associate-member of the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association or that I am a current member of my school's Black Law Students Association (BLSA).

Signature of scholarship applicant:

Printed name of scholarship applicant:

Date:

QUESTION:

According to a Law School Admission Test (LSAT) Technical Report released by the Law School Admission Council, analysis of LSAT performance for the 2003-2004 through 2009-2010 testing years revealed that African American test takers were one of two ethnic groups with the lowest mean LSAT scores. Assuming that this report is accurate and that law schools continue to place high emphasis on the LSAT for admissions purposes, what, if any, steps need to be taken to protect and/or promote African American enrollment in law school and what can organizations similar to the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association do to assist in this regard?