



TEXAS TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

2010 Texas Trial Lawyers Association Scholarship Application

January 2010

Dear Counselor/Student:

Please provide a copy of this letter to students along with the application and essay instruction sheet.

The Texas Trial Lawyers Association is now accepting applications for the 2010 Scholarship Program which is dedicated to assisting students who have proven the ability to do college level work, yet may not be able to obtain financial aid through traditional sources. These true-need-based scholarships of \$1000 each are awarded to high school seniors statewide. The scholarship criteria do not include requirements concerning race, sex or field of study.

Prospective scholarship candidates must submit the following:

- (1) the completed 2010TTLA Application form
- (2) a transcript & report card
- (3) two letters of recommendation on official letterhead from school counselors, teachers or administrators
- (4) an essay titled "Why the jury is the cornerstone of the civil justice system"
(see insert for essay instructions);
- (5) a list of work/school activities;
- (6) a personal statement; and
- (7) the applicant must sign and date the certification section of the application.

The application must be postmarked no later than March 20, 2010 to be eligible for consideration

All Texas high school seniors who have not entered college and have true financial need are encouraged to apply.

If you have questions, please contact Mona Fults at 512/476-3852.

Sincerely,

TTLA Scholarship Committee

P.S. ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE ENCLOSED APPLICATION. TRANSCRIPTS AND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION MAILED SEPARATELY WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. Your application package must be postmarked no later than March 20, 2010.

Family members of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association membership/staff are not eligible for the TTLA Scholarships.



2010 TEXAS TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Please print)

APPLICANT INFORMATION Name Last _____ First _____ Middle _____
Address _____
City _____ County _____ State/Zip _____
Telephone(____) _____ Birth Date ____/____/____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION School Name _____
Address _____
City _____ County _____ State/Zip _____
Graduation Date Month _____ Day _____ Year _____
Counselor Name _____ Telephone (____) _____
Awards Ceremony Date _____

TRANSCRIPT/REPORT CARD INFORMATION *Students must include a high school transcript, AND a copy of your 1st semester report card from the 12th grade AND complete the following section.*
SAT/ACT Score _____ Applicant ranks _____ in a class of _____
Cumulative Grade Point Average _____/4.0 scale

FINANCIAL *The Selection Committee can evaluate your financial need only if it knows how you are supported.*
Father's Name _____ Occupation _____
Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____
Years of school completed Father _____ Mother _____
Number of children in family _____ Number of children in college _____
Estimate of parents' 2010 GROSS Annual Income (Check one)
___ \$0-\$20,000 ___ \$20,000-\$40,000 ___ \$40,000-\$60,000 ___ \$60,000-\$80,000 ___ Over \$80,000

List all financial assistance applied for, if scholarships have been awarded, list amount.

COLLEGE SELECTION Names of colleges to which you will be applying in the Fall of 2010.
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
Planned Major(s) _____

REFERENCES Two letters of recommendation addressed to the TTLA Scholarship Committee from teachers, counselors or administrators are required.

ESSAY Please submit a written essay entitled: "Why the jury is the cornerstone of the civil justice system". (Please see insert for essay instructions.)

WORK EXPERIENCE/ACTIVITIES On a separate sheet, list all activities and/or organizations in which you have participated while in high school. In addition, list all job experiences and/or volunteer activity. Indicate how many hours per week and weeks per year were spent in both jobs and volunteer activity.

PERSONAL STATEMENT Type a one-or two-page personal statement explaining your career goals, why you wish to attend the college(s) you have chosen, why you wish to receive this scholarship, your financial support and need, any unusual circumstances and any other information relevant to this application. ***Your personal statement is one of the most important aspects of this application and is equivalent to an interview.***

CERTIFICATION I certify that all of the information on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. The application package becomes the property of TTLA and will not be returned or acknowledged. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

Applicant's Signature/ Date _____

ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THIS APPLICATION. TRANSCRIPTS AND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION MAILED SEPARATELY WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Your application package must be postmarked no later than March 20, 2010 and mailed to:

Scholarship Fund of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, P.O. Box 788, Austin, Texas 78767

CHECKLIST Applicants are required to send the total application package together in the following order. It is the applicant's responsibility to see that this application is complete and all materials are sent together. Incomplete applications will not be processed.
March 20, 2010 postmark insures consideration.

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| 1. ___Application--must be complete | 5. ___List of Work/School activities |
| 2. ___Transcript | 6. ___Personal Statement |
| 3. ___Reference Letters | 7. ___Sign Application |
| 4. ___ Essay (See instruction sheet) | |

STOP!

**Please double check that all requirements of application have been completed.
DO NOT FORGET TO SIGN AND DATE YOUR APPLICATION**

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and staff are not eligible for the TTLA Scholarships.*



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Essay Instructions:

Topic: Why is the jury the cornerstone of the civil justice system?

NOTE: The civil justice system resolves disputes on non-criminal matters.

- ◆ At least 250 words, no more than 500
- ◆ Use white 8 1/2 x 11 paper
- ◆ Use title sheet including your name and address

On-line resources:

<http://www.centerjd.org/>

<http://www.crfc.org/americanjury/>

<http://www.abota.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=222>

<http://www.tlpj.org/>

Questions:

If you have any questions regarding the 2010 TTLA Scholarship or the essay requirement, please contact Mona Fults at mfults@tla.com.