The Mission of the Washington State Association for Justice (WSAJ) is to stand up in the courtroom and the halls of government for real people. We defend your Constitutional rights, including the right to have your day in court. We hold corporate and other powerful interests accountable. We are a community creating and sharing resources for our members to secure justice.

WSAJ is committed to implementing strategies that will result in significant and measurable progress towards increasing diversity in the plaintiff’s bar. To help achieve this endeavor, WSAJ has pledged scholarship monies to assist diverse individuals in covering the tuition cost of a bar preparation course. Diversity refers to individuals who self-identify with those groups historically discriminated against and or those groups that are historically under-represented in the legal profession based on disability, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on several criteria, including (but not limited to) demonstrated interest and intent to practice in the plaintiff’s bar, financial need, academic achievements, extracurricular and community activities, and life experiences. No single criteria is determinative.

The amount and the number of scholarships will be determined by the WSAJ Diversity Committee and may vary in amount, up to the full tuition for the bar preparation course. Applicants must be a diverse individual as defined above and must take the Washington State bar exam in July 2015 or February 2016.

Applications are due by Monday January 12, 2015. All applicants will receive written notification from WSAJ of award or non-award by Friday January 30, 2015. Additional application instructions can be found at the end of this form.

Niomi Drake
Chair of the WSAJ Diversity Scholarship Sub-Committee
APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____________________________________________________________

Address:____________________________________________________________________________

Email: ________________________________  Phone #:_______________________________

Are you an APR 6 law clerk? (Y/ N) _______  Law School: __________________________________

Date of Graduation: ____________________

Do you plan to take the bar exam in □ JULY 2015 or □ FEBRUARY 2016? (check one)

Are you currently enrolled for a Bar Prep course: □ Yes □ No

    If yes, what course are you enrolled with: ____________________________________________

    Amount of Deposit: $____________  Amount owing: $____________

Ethnicity/Race:
    □ Black/African Descent    □ American Indian/Native    □ American/Alaskan Native
    □ Caucasian/White         □ Spanish/Hispanic/Latina/o □ Asian
    □ Pacific Islander        □ Multi-Racial
    □ Other (Please Specify) __________________________________________________________

Gender: □ Female □ Male

Do you have a disability? □ Yes

Do you identify as a sexual minority, to include the following:
    gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender? □ Yes

Please explain in which group or groups you believe that you fall within that has been historically discriminated against and/or those groups that are historically under-represented in the legal profession based on disability, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression: __________________________________________________________

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Please attach to this application:
1. A resume including past work experience along with any achievements, honors, clubs, association, community activities, or hobbies.

2. A brief essay, not to exceed two pages, typed and double spaced, stating why you would like to be considered for this scholarship. Your essay should primarily discuss your ideal law practice post-graduation and how that practice fits into WSAJ’s mission. Please feel free to provide any additional background information you want the WSAJ Diversity Committee to consider. For example, you may consider discussing whether you are the first person in your family to attend undergraduate or law school, any prior professional experiences or achievements, obstacles and challenges that you have overcome, any community service work you are involved in, and/or what compelled you to attend law school.

Deadline for Application:
To receive a bar preparation scholarship for the July 2015 or February 2016 bar examination, all applications and requested materials must be received by Monday January 12, 2015. They should be mailed to: WSAJ, Diversity Bar Prep Scholarship, 1809 7th Avenue, Suite 1500, Seattle, WA 98101-1328 OR emailed to: Sheila@washingtonjustice.org.

Signature: _______________________________ Date: ___________________________