WOMEN’S BAR FOUNDATION 2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

The Women’s Bar Foundation of Illinois (WBF) invites you to apply for the 2021 Women’s Bar Foundation of Illinois Scholarship! Each year, the WBF awards scholarships to women who have demonstrated a commitment to the advancement of women both in the legal profession and within the community at large. In selecting award recipients, the WBF will consider a variety of factors, including, but not limited to, academic achievement, leadership, history of public or community service, and financial need. You can learn more about the WBF by visiting our website at <http://illinoiswbf.org/>

Your provision of the information requested in this application is voluntary. Applications for the Scholarship must be received **no later than Friday, October 1, 2021** via email to Amy L. O’Conner, Scholarship Award Director, Women’s Bar Foundation, wbfscholarship@gmail.com.

Your responses are not limited to the lines provided below. Please feel free to submit as much information as necessary to answer the questions. Conversely, you do not need to fill every line following a question if your answer is complete.

Once completed, please print and sign (or electronically sign) your finished application, and **return a copy of the signed application to** **wbfscholarship@gmail.com****.** Please note that you are required to submit a letter of recommendation from a law school professor, administrator or dean with your application. Applications that do not include the requisite letter of recommendation will be deemed incomplete.

**Interviews will take place on Saturday, October 16, 2021 via Zoom. Eligible candidates must be available for the interview on October 16.** If you are selected for an interview, we will contact you with additional details about the time of your interview by Monday, October 11, 2021.

We ask that you please keep the WBF advised as to any changes in your contact information. If you have any questions about this application, please contact me, Amy O’Conner, WBF Scholarship Award Director, at amy.oconner@uchicagomedicine.org or by phone at 586-242-0968.

WOMEN’S BAR FOUNDATION

2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

NAME:

DATE OF APPLICATION:

NAME OF LAW SCHOOL:

LOCAL ADDRESS: CITY, STATE, ZIP:

 LOCAL PHONE NUMBER:

HOME CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE \*:
\* (where you were raised or resided before attending law school)

LAW SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS:

PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS:

STATE/CITY WHERE YOU PLAN TO RESIDE/WORK AFTER GRADUATION:

CURRENT LAW SCHOOL YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DAY STUDENT OR EVENING STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

CLASS RANK (most recent available): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

HOURS COMPLETED (total hours expected at end of current semester): \_\_\_\_

EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Copied below is a description of the criteria considered by the WBF Board in awarding scholarships. Please explain why you are qualified for a WBF Scholarship by addressing the following criteria:**
* A third-year female law student;
* Strong academic record;
* Present and past extracurricular activities reflecting community involvement or participation in activities within and outside of law school that show a commitment to helping other women, either within the legal community or through public service or public interest law;
* Involvement with initiatives concerning the advancement of women in the legal profession and within the community at large (please provide specific examples); and
* Personal qualities that suggest a future leadership role in the legal community.

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1. **Please list your law school extracurricular activities, including any positions held and dates of your involvement.**

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1. **Please list any law school honors or awards, including dates received, organizations presenting awards, amounts of any financial awards, criteria considered in granting award, and any other information you believe is pertinent.**

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1. **Please briefly describe your career plans and goals, including professional objectives, areas of practice and geographic preferences.**

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1. **Please describe your community activities outside of law school, including any positions held and your dates of involvement.**

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1. **Please describe any non-law school or community honors or awards, including dates, organizations presenting awards, amounts of any financial awards, and any other information you consider pertinent.**

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1. **Please provide the following financial information:**

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|  | **Expected as of Graduation Date** |
| **Annual Law School Tuition** | $  |
| **Total Scholarships Received / Awarded** | $  |
| **Student Loans Outstanding - Law School Only (Expected as of Graduation)** | $  |
| **Student Loans Outstanding – Undergraduate Education Only (Expected as of Graduation)** | $  |
| **Anticipated Total Outstanding Student Loans Upon Graduation from Law School (Undergrad, Law School and any other program)** | $  |

**9. Please provide the following information concerning your current and/or anticipated employment:**

 **a. Are you currently employed during the academic year, on either a part-time or full-time basis? If so, please provide your place of employment and approximate weekly earnings.**

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 **b. Please describe your employment or internship activities during the summer of 2021. If you were employed or participated in any internship activities, please include your place of employment, dates of employment, and weekly earnings (if applicable).**

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 **c. Have you accepted (or do you anticipate accepting in the near future) post-graduation employment? If so, please provide your anticipated place of employment, and anticipated weekly or yearly earnings.**

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**Please use this space, if necessary, to explain any of the information supplied above or to provide any additional information you would like the WBF Board to consider:**

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**10. Are you the first person in your family to attend college or law school? If so, please explain how this has affected your academic and career goals and decisions. If not, please describe any family members who have served as an inspiration for your academic and career goals and decisions.**

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**Important! Please Read and Sign!**

I do hereby swear that the information contained herein is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate. I am fully aware that any intentional falsification of information contained herein may result in the denial of the application or loss of any award received. I furthermore realize that this award may be revoked if I fail to meet the designated qualifications. I hereby authorize the release of my academic transcript and financial aid information to the Women’s Bar Foundation.

**I understand that I must be available for an interview via Zoom on Saturday, October 16, 2021, and that, as a condition of receiving a scholarship from the Women’s Bar Foundation, I commit to serve up to a two-year term on the Past Recipients’ Council of the Women’s Bar Foundation. I also agree to keep the Foundation advised as to changes in my address or contact information.**

Name of Applicant (Printed):

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Please print and sign (or electronically sign) a copy of this application. Once completed, please submit the completed and signed application form, along with a copy of your resume, law school transcript, and letter or recommendation from a Dean, faculty-member, or administrator to wbfscholarship@gmail.com. s

 All applications must be received by **Friday, October 1, 2021.**