

2011

Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation Awards for Outstanding Women Law Students

The Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of year-2011 awards to outstanding women law students, funded by generous contributions from individuals, law firms, and corporations. \$25,000 will be awarded statewide to 10 outstanding women law students attending Michigan's five accredited law schools (University of Michigan Law School, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Michigan State University College of Law, Wayne State University Law School, and University of Detroit Mercy School of Law). The following awards will be made this year:

WLAM Foundation Scholars:

Eight \$2,500 awards distributed among five law schools, sponsored by the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation

Kimberly M. Cahill Scholar:

One \$2,500 award at the University of Michigan Law School, sponsored by the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation

Dickinson Wright Women's Network Scholar:

One \$2,500 award at Wayne State University Law School, sponsored by the Dickinson Wright Women's Network

Additional information about the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation, and law student awardees in prior years, is available at www.wlamfoundation.org. A description of the award criteria and application process follows.

Candidates for the awards must clearly indicate the award(s) they seek, and may apply for all available at their law school. Only one award will be made to each student, and previous awardees are ineligible.

The WLAM Foundation Scholars, including the Kimberly M. Cahill Scholar, must meet the following criteria:

- be enrolled full or part-time;
- possess good academic standing; and
- demonstrate leadership capabilities in advancing the position of women in society, including service in such areas as: social justice, equality, family law, child advocacy, domestic violence, or work on behalf of underserved areas or populations.

Each applicant for the WLAM Foundation Award must submit:

1. an official law school transcript;
2. a detailed letter of interest explaining how she meets award criteria;
3. a resume; and
4. letters of recommendation (no more than three).

The Dickinson Wright Women's Network Scholar at Wayne State University Law School must meet the following criteria:

- be enrolled full or part-time;
- maintain a 3.0 grade point average; and
- demonstrate leadership capabilities in advancing the position of women in society, in business, and in the community.

Each applicant for the Dickinson Wright Women's Network Award must submit:

1. an official law school transcript;
2. a detailed letter of interest explaining how she meets award criteria;
3. a resume; and
4. letters of recommendation (no more than three).

Application Process (all schools):

Each law school will collect applications, and forward nominees for each award to the Foundation Board for final approval. The following deadlines are observed each year:

- students must apply in writing to their law school **no later than October 15th**;
- the law school will forward to the Foundation Board recommended awardees, no later than November 15th;
- the WLAM Foundation Board will review nominations by December 15th; and
- awards will be made by January 15th and announced publicly in March.

A detailed letter that explains how you meet the criteria, and all other required information, is to be returned to:

Office of Student Affairs (room 308)

Awards on a school-by-school basis:

University of Michigan Law School:

1 WLAM Foundation Scholar (\$2,500)
1 Kimberly M. Cahill Scholar (\$2,500)

Wayne State University Law School:

1 WLAM Foundation Scholar (\$2,500)
1 Dickinson Wright Women's Network Scholar (\$2,500)

Univ. of Detroit Mercy School of Law:

2 WLAM Foundation Scholars (\$2,500 each)

Thomas M. Cooley Law School:

2 WLAM Foundation Scholars (\$2,500 each)

Michigan State Univ. College of Law:

2 WLAM Foundation Scholars (\$2,500 each)