

# Sarah C. Franklin Scholarship Award

Jenifer Franklin, a 1997 alumna of Michigan State University College of Law, has established a scholarship in honor of her mother, Sarah C. Franklin, with funds provided by LaSalle Bank.

Sarah Christine Franklin was orphaned as a child after her mother and father died in an auto accident. Sarah spent her childhood picking cotton in the South. She graduated valedictorian from Brazil High School and earned her business degree from Bowling Green University. Sarah served her community for twelve years as an elected official. She worked as a legal secretary and a legal transcriber. Sarah was too humble and modest to celebrate her own achievements. Jenifer Franklin established the Sarah C. Franklin scholarship fund to celebrate her mother's life.

Several Sarah C. Franklin Scholarships will be awarded to second and third year MSU Law students at the Black Law Student Association (BLSA) Alumni Award Banquet on Friday, March 26, 2010, based on the following criteria.

1. Demonstrates a commitment to promoting racial and cultural diversity at the Law College. (Examples of how this commitment can be shown is through curricular and extra-curricular activities and potential for leadership in promoting cross-cultural understanding, with a particular emphasis on increasing a broader understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures; contribution to the intellectual and cultural enrichment of the Law College because of life experiences; an outstanding record of service dedicated toward helping educationally disadvantaged students; demonstrated leadership skills in the face of adversity; or overcoming significant racial and cultural obstacles.);
2. demonstrated financial need as determined by the U.S. Department of Education Federal Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) (Applicants must explicitly state in its letter of application that the Sarah C. Franklin Scholarship Committee has permission to obtain this information from the Financial Aid Office.);
3. second or third year law student in good academic standing; and
4. be enrolled at the Law College at the time the scholarship is awarded.

MSU Law students who wish to be considered for the scholarship should submit a letter (maximum of two (2) double-spaced pages) describing why they feel they meet the above criteria. Letters of recommendations are not required, but are encouraged.

Letters should be addressed to the Sarah C. Franklin Scholarship Award Committee, Attention: Connell Alsup, Associate Dean for Student Affairs. Submissions must be emailed to [alsupc@law.msu.edu](mailto:alsupc@law.msu.edu) or delivered to the Office of Student Affairs no later than Monday, March 15, 2010.

Please Note: Awarding of this scholarship may affect financial aid availability in a subsequent semester.