

Winstead Juris Doctor Scholarship

Winstead PC is proud to announce that, beginning January 19, 2016, it will begin accepting applications for the 2016 Winstead Juris Doctor Scholarship Awards.

Each year, Winstead awards three \$20,000 scholarships to ethnically diverse first-year law students* – to a student at The University of Texas School of Law, the University of Houston Law Center, and the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law. In addition to a cash award, each scholarship recipient will be offered a position in the Firm's 2017 Summer Associate Program.

Applications will be available beginning January 19, 2016, both on our website at www.winstead.com and in the Financial Aid and Career Services offices at each participating law school. Applications are due no later than March 7, 2016. We will interview finalists in the last week of March 2016 and will notify scholarship recipients shortly after we have concluded our interviews. In April, the Firm will host a reception for scholarship recipients.

Each scholarship winner will receive up to \$20,000, distributed as follows: (i) \$1,500 to be presented to each winner at the formal reception in April 2016; (2) \$1,500 to be awarded to the law student interest group of the scholarship recipient's choosing (e.g., BLSA, ALSA, APLSA, CHLSA, TMLS, etc.); (3) a \$3,500 signing bonus at the beginning of the summer associate's clerkship at Winstead, if the scholarship recipient accepts the summer associate position; and (4) a \$13,500 signing bonus on the start of a full-time position with Winstead if an offer of full-time employment is made and accepted.**

Winstead's Juris Doctor Scholarship Program is just one way in which the Firm demonstrates a strong commitment to diversity in the legal profession. Each year, the Firm participates on career panels at schools and reaches out to leadership and members of minority bar associations and student organizations. Because diversity requires not just ideas, but action and support, Winstead actively participates in a number of key organizations and events. Please visit www.winstead.com for a complete list of the diversity-related organizations, recruitment activities and outreach programs we are proud to support.

* Part-time and joint degree students are eligible to apply for the scholarship upon completion of the number of credit hours that are equivalent to the hours required for the first semester of a full-time, first-year law student. Part-time and joint degree students will be offered a summer associate position for the summer immediately prior to the student's last year in his or her law school program.

** During the Summer Associate Program, Winstead will evaluate scholarship recipients on the same basis as all other summer associates. The Firm will have sole discretion to determine whether or not to extend a full-time position to any of the scholarship winners at the end of their summer employment.

Award

To further promote diversity within our firm, Winstead is pleased to offer the ninth annual Winstead Juris Doctor Scholarship. The scholarship is available to one ethnically diverse first-year* law student at the following Texas law schools: The University of Texas School of Law, the University of Houston Law Center, and Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law. At each school, the scholarship will consist of a cash award of up to \$20,000.

Eligibility

Scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:

- U.S. citizen or otherwise authorized to work in the United States;
- Member of an ethnically diverse population that historically has been underrepresented in the legal profession;
- Attending The University of Texas School of Law, SMU Dedman School of Law, or the University of Houston Law Center;
- Full-time, first-year law students or part-time or joint degree students who have completed the number of credit hours equivalent to the hours required of a full-time, first-year law student;
- Excellent academic performance in law school; and
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.

Application

Applications must be received no later than March 7, 2016. To apply, please submit:

- The Winstead Juris Doctor Scholarship application;
- A 500 word personal statement sharing your ambitions, a personal experience or unique perspective;
- Your resume;
- Your transcript of first-semester grades; and
- A legal writing sample such as a memo from a legal writing class, if available.

Selection Process

- Application packets will be reviewed by the selection committee.
- Interviews will be held for scholarship finalists in the last week of March 2016.
- Scholarship winners will be announced in April 2016.
- Congratulatory receptions will be held at the Winstead offices for scholarship winners, their immediate family members and their designated student interest group in April 2016.

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Please send your complete application packet to:

Dominique Anderson, Director of Attorney Recruitment
Winstead PC
500 Winstead Building
2728 N. Harwood Street
Dallas, Texas 75201



Winstead Juris Doctor Scholarship Application

Your application must include the following materials:

- Application form
- Personal statement
- Resume
- Transcript of first-semester grades
- Legal writing sample, if available

Please note that the completed form must be saved to your desktop before e-mailing.

Name: _____
 Law School: _____
 Graduation Year: _____ GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Self Identification (please check all that apply):

- American Indian
- Black or African American
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Hispanic/Latino
- Other _____

Please rank in order of preference the Winstead offices in which you are interested:

__ Austin __ Dallas __ Houston

Please list the student organization at your law school that you are interested in supporting. The student organization should represent an ethnically diverse population that historically has been underrepresented in the legal profession (e.g., BLSA, ALSA, APLSA, CHLSA, TMLS, etc.).

How did you hear about the Winstead Juris Doctor Scholarship? (please check all that apply)

- Winstead PC website
- Flyer at Law School
- Winstead PC employee
- Law School Financial Aid Office
- Student Organization
- Law School Career Services Office
- Article in Legal Publication
- Other: _____

Certification:

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application and during the application process is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have not knowingly withheld or misstated any facts or circumstances that would be relevant to the consideration of this application.

Applicant Signature

Date

Your application, including resume, transcript, writing sample, and personal statement, should be submitted in one complete packet to:

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Alternatively, you may submit your complete application packet via facsimile to 214.745.5390; e-mail it to danderson@winstead.com; or, you may complete the application packet online by visiting the CAREERS page of winstead.com. Please title your e-mail and/or fax as **Winstead Juris Doctor Scholarship**. If you have any questions regarding the Winstead Juris Doctor Scholarship, please contact Dominique Anderson at 214.745.5306.