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THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION

2010

ELDER LAW SECTION SCHOLARSHIP

The New York Bar Foundation is pleased to announce the 2010 Elder Law Section Scholarship which has been established by The Foundation through a gift from the Elder Law Section of the New York State Bar Association. The \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to a second year (2L) or third year (3L) law student who is enrolled in a law school in the State of New York during the 2010/2011 academic year and is actively participating in an Elder Law Clinic at the school during the 2010/2011 academic year or performs other substantial efforts which demonstrate interest in the legal rights of the elderly or the practice of elder law.

A preference will be given to a student who demonstrates a present and permanent physical or mental disability that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual.

A preference will be given to a student who demonstrates financial need.

Elder Law Section Scholarship Program Goals

The Elder Law Section encourages law students, through an elder law clinic experience, to learn about important legislative developments, regulations, and case laws impacting the elderly and to provide representation to elderly clients struggling with a variety of legal issues and problems related to aging and incapacity.

Through the scholarship, the section aspires to advance opportunities for the disabled by implementing a preference for awarding the scholarship to a student who demonstrates a present and permanent physical or mental disability that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual.

The ultimate goal of the scholarship is to create a network and cultivate relationships among lawyers practicing elder law and law students planning to practice elder law and to encourage the practice of elder law among lawyers throughout the State of New York.

The Elder Law Section Scholarship

1. The scholarship, valued at \$2,500, will be awarded to one (1) student enrolled on a full-time or part-time basis in the 2010/2011 academic year in a law school in the State of New York.
2. The Elder Law Section Scholar will be a guest member of the NYSBA Elder Law Section during 2011.
3. The Elder Law Section Scholar will be invited to attend Executive Committee meetings of the NYSBA Elder Law Section during 2011.
4. The scholarship recipient will be announced no later than December 1, 2010.
5. The Elder Law Section Scholar will be selected by a committee comprised of representatives from The New York Bar Foundation and the NYSBA Elder Law Section. The selection committee will be comprised of no less than three members of the Elder Law Section.

Eligibility

1. The scholarship is open to all second-year (2L) and third-year (3L) students that are enrolled in a law school in the State of New York during the 2010/2011 academic year.
2. The student must be actively participating in an Elder Law Clinic of the law school in which they are enrolled during the 2010 fall semester or registered to participate in an Elder Law Clinic during the 2011 spring semester or performs other substantial efforts which demonstrate interest in the legal rights of the elderly or the practice of elder law.
3. The student must have attained a 2.5 or equivalent GPA in law school.
4. A preference will be given to a student who demonstrates a present and permanent physical or mental disability that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual.
5. A preference will be given to a student who can demonstrate financial need.

Payment of Scholarship

The scholarship will be applied to the student's 2010-2011 academic year tuition. A check, made payable to the law school and the student, will be sent to the appropriate office at the school no later than February 1, 2011 if the student participates in an Elder Law Clinic in the 2010 fall semester OR no later than April 15, 2011 if the student participates in an Elder Law Clinic in the 2011 spring semester. If the student is not participating in an Elder Law Clinic, then the check will be sent to the appropriate office at the school no later than February 1, 2011.

Scholarship Application Requirements

The applicant must submit the following:

1. A completed application (application form below);
2. Cover letter of interest;
3. Unofficial law school transcript;
4. Current Résumé
5. A letter of recommendation from the student's Elder Law Clinic advisor or if not participating in an Elder Law Clinic from an individual who can substantiate the student's efforts which demonstrate interest in the legal rights of the elderly or the practice of elder law;
6. A five-page double-spaced essay by the student demonstrating why he or she would like to practice in Elder Law.

Deadline

All hard copy material submissions must be postmarked on or before **Friday, October 15, 2010** or you may e-mail the materials to foundation@tnybf.org no later than 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 15, 2010**.

Format

If submitting application materials by e-mail, the attachment file will be accepted in Microsoft Word and/or PDF format.

Judging

Criteria for judging applications will be:

1. Content and quality of application materials.
2. Demonstrated interest in Elder Law.
3. Academic record.
4. Recommendation from Elder Law Clinic advisor or other relevant individual.
5. Quality of written expression.
6. Maturity, integrity and professionalism.
7. Any other relevant factors.

Submission

All materials must be submitted by mail with a postmark on or before **Friday, October 15, 2010** OR by e-mail no later than 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 15, 2010**.

Mail to:

THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION
ONE ELK STREET, ALBANY, NY 12207

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About the **ELDER LAW SECTION**
of the NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

The Elder Law Section provides services and opportunities for involvement on issues relating to Elder Law for members of the New York State Bar Association. Among its activities, the Section presents educational programs and publishes materials on practice, procedure and developments to enhance the competence and skill of lawyers who practice in this field and improve their ability to deliver the most efficient and highest quality of services to their clients; prepare studies, analyses and recommendations to seek improvement in the law and procedure relating to elder law; and undertake projects to increase the understanding of senior citizens, their families and the general public concerning legal issues affecting the elderly.

About **THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION**

Founded in 1950, The New York Bar Foundation is dedicated to aiding educational, direct legal services, and charitable projects aimed at meeting the law-related needs of the public and the profession. The Foundation solicits charitable contributions and provides funding for the following purposes:

- Increasing public understanding of the law
- Improving the justice system and the law
- Facilitating the delivery of legal services
- Enhancing professional competence and ethics

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APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Phone #: _____ e-mail address: _____

School Address: _____
(if different)

Phone #: _____ e-mail address: _____

Law School attending: _____

Day student Evening student

Year of Law School Study as of September 1, 2010: _____

Date of anticipated graduation from law school: _____

Are you participating in an Elder Law Clinic in the 2010 fall semester?

Yes No

If yes, please describe your responsibilities:

If no, are you registered to participate in an Elder Law Clinic in the 2011 spring semester?

Yes No

Please describe your responsibilities (if known):

Will you receive credit for completing all work and assignments in the Elder Law Clinic?

Yes No

If yes, how many credits will you receive? _____

If you are not participating in an Elder Law Clinic during the 2010/2011 academic year, please describe in detail your substantial efforts which demonstrate an interest in the legal rights of the elderly or the practice of elder law. (You may submit a separate page describing your efforts.)

Do you have a present and permanent physical or mental disability? Yes No

Are you receiving financial aid? Yes No

If yes, please describe:

Have you previously received Scholarships? Yes No

If yes, please describe:

Are you working to pay for your law school expenses? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

What are your career goals?

Prior Education

<u>College Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Degree</u>
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Attach the following materials to this application:

1. A cover letter which indicates your interest in the practice of elder law and the receipt of the Elder Law Section Scholarship.
2. A law school transcript. (Transcripts need not be official; finalists may be asked to provide official transcripts.)
3. Current Résumé.
4. A letter of recommendation from your Elder Law Clinic advisor or if not participating in an Elder Law Clinic from an individual who can substantiate your substantial efforts that demonstrate interest in the legal rights of the elderly or the practice of elder law.
5. One five-page double-spaced essay demonstrating why you would like to practice in elder law. (Must be five double-spaced typewritten pages.)

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Certification

I hereby certify that all of the statements contained and information provided in this application, and in the attachments hereto, are truthful, to the best of my knowledge, and that I meet the eligibility requirements for the 2010 Elder Law Section Scholarship.

Applicant's Signature

Date