

**Friends of the Wiley W. Manuel Bar Association of Sacramento County
Scholarship Application 2010
APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 10, 2010 (Must be postmarked by this date.)**

Background and Purpose

The Friends of the Wiley W. Manuel Bar Association of Sacramento County (The Friends) is a non-profit charitable organization that was founded to support the ongoing efforts of the Wiley W. Manuel Bar Association of Sacramento (WMBA), formerly known as the Sacramento Association of Black Attorneys, to support the successful matriculation of students of African descent who are attending Sacramento area law schools or are from the Sacramento area. As part of its community service mission, The Friends awards scholarships to law students who demonstrate strong ties to the Sacramento African-American community and wish to practice law in the Sacramento area. The Scholarship Committee of The Friends will review all applications and determine which scholarships will be awarded in accordance with its eligibility and merit criteria. The scholarships will be awarded at **Legal Fusion**, The Friends' annual scholarship fundraising event, on **August 28, 2010**, in Sacramento. Additional information will follow. **This year, The Friends will award:**

1. At least one "cash" scholarship of a minimum of \$500.

Additional scholarships may be awarded depending on donor participation and fundraising successes.

Eligibility and Merit Criteria

In order to be eligible for the scholarships, you must be either:

1. Currently enrolled and in good standing at, or will graduate no later than June 2012, from: Lincoln Law School, Sacramento; Lorenzo Patiño School of Law, University of Northern California; McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific; or King Hall School of Law, University of California, Davis; or
2. Currently reside in the Sacramento area and have graduated, or will graduate from law school no later than June 2012.

Scholarship applicants will be evaluated on the following merit criteria:

1. Intent to serve the greater Sacramento African-American community;
2. Active student participation in the Wiley W. Manuel Bar Association;
3. Academic achievement in law school; and
4. Financial need (a description of financial need is sufficient).

Active student membership in the Wiley W. Manuel Bar Association can be shown by attendance at WMBA events, in addition to having paid law student membership dues

(which is \$10) for the 2010 year. Intent to serve the greater Sacramento African-American community can be demonstrated by active participation in the Black Law Student Association of the applicant's law school.

Application Materials Checklist

- _____ Application Form
- _____ Copy of current law school registration or law school diploma
- _____ Official law school transcript
- _____ Current resume
- _____ Itemization of financial expenses and resources for the last nine-month academic period, at a minimum, if you believe you are in financial need
- _____ The name and phone number of two (2) references and a brief description of your relationship to each
- _____ A personal statement, double-spaced, 12-point font, not to exceed 3000 words. Your name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number must be included (but are not counted toward the word count). The Scholarship Committee is interested in indicia of resilience, leadership potential, and commitment to serving the Sacramento African-American community. Employment experiences, campus and community service activities, triumphs over hardships, and unusual life experiences are often illustrative of these qualities.

Application Evaluation

The Friends Scholarship Committee will evaluate each scholarship application and will select the scholarship recipients in its sole discretion, bound only by the scholarship purposes and scholarship criteria. To facilitate the decision-making process, the Scholarship Committee may, in its discretion, require a personal interview with any or all scholarship applicants.

Application Deadline

Applications **must be postmarked by *August 10, 2010***. Applications must be mailed to:

Jean-Pierre Francillette

P.O. Box 162811

Sacramento, CA 95816-9998

RE: Friends of the Wiley W. Manuel Bar Association of Sacramento County
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INSTRUCTIONS: Please answer each question completely and accurately. Where necessary, use additional pages to complete your answers, note on such pages the number of the question to which you are responding. **Failure to answer all questions will result in an incomplete application, which may NOT be considered.**

1. PERSONAL

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| Last Name | First Name | Middle | |
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| Current Address | City | State | Zip Code |
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| Permanent Address | City | State | Zip Code |

Current Phone Number Permanent Phone Number E-mail Address

Where would you like any award notification sent to you:

___ Current Address ___ Permanent Address ___ Other (provide address below)

2. EDUCATION

Law school you are attending or have graduated: _____

If you graduated, graduation date: _____

Classification **Next Year (2010-2011):** ___ Second Year ___ Third Year ___ Fourth Year
___ Alumnus/Alumna

Expected date of graduation: _____

Undergraduate school, year of graduation, and major: _____

Have you ever applied for a Wiley W. Manuel Bar Association of Sacramento County (WMBA) Scholarship before? _____

If so, what year(s)? _____

Did you receive a scholarship? _____ If so, in what amount? _____

Thank you very much for applying for this year's scholarship award(s).