



### Frances Newell Carr Scholarship Application

**DESCRIPTION OF SCHOLARSHIP:** In 1992, Women Lawyers of Sacramento (“WLS”) established a scholarship in honor of Justice Frances Newell Carr. The daughter of migrant farm workers, Frances Newell Carr often switched schools and quickly learned to take advantage of whatever educational opportunities were available. Naturally competitive, she learned to cut more grapes than anyone else did by the time she was ten years old. She decided to become a lawyer because “all the important men were always lawyers.” She worked her way through college and law school, graduating from Boalt Hall School of Law in 1948. She and another woman classmate had difficulty finding employment until they found a lawyer who offered to let them both work full-time for a single \$200 a month salary. Frances Newell Carr was a founding member of WLS and its first president. In 1975, she became the first woman appointed to the Sacramento County Superior Court. Five years later, she was elevated to the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, where she served until her death in 1991. The Frances Newell Carr Scholarship is awarded to a financially needy first or second year law student with an outstanding academic record. Special consideration is given to candidates who have overcome personal adversity.

**AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:** Up to \$2,000

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:** March 31, 2025

**CRITERIA\*:** This scholarship will be awarded to a financially needy student who currently is a first or second year law student (or third year in a four-year program) and has an outstanding academic record. Special consideration is given to candidates who have overcome personal adversity.

**APPLICATION:** Complete the fillable PDF form and e-mail it to WLS Grants and Awards Committee at [wlsgrantsandawards@gmail.com](mailto:wlsgrantsandawards@gmail.com), with a copy of your current resume by the submission deadline.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Please make sure that your last name and the scholarship name are included in the names of any attachments. Note that applicants may apply for multiple scholarships, but must submit a separate application for each.

Name: _____		
Address: _____		
City: _____	State: _____	Zip Code: _____
Phone Number: _____	Email: _____	
Law School: _____	Law School Year: _____	
Cumulative Law School GPA: _____		

*\*Please note the following change to the eligibility guidelines:*

To be eligible for consideration in 2025, students must not have been awarded the same scholarship in 2024. But students who received an award for one of the five scholarships offered by WLS in 2024 may still apply to the other four scholarships offered by WLS in 2025.

List and describe affiliations with past and present organizations:

Describe how you meet the criteria for the scholarship:

