

2024

Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation Awards for Outstanding Law Students

The Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of the 2024 awards to outstanding law students, funded by generous contributions from individuals, law firms, and corporations. This year, \$45,500 will be awarded statewide to 13 outstanding law students attending Michigan's five accredited law schools (University of Michigan Law School, Western Michigan Cooley Law School, Michigan State University College of Law, Wayne State University Law School, and University of Detroit Mercy School of Law). The following awards will be made in 2024:

Jean Ledwith King Scholar:

One \$3,500 award for a student attending the University of Michigan Law School, Western Michigan Cooley Law School, Michigan State University College of Law, Wayne State University Law School, or University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, sponsored by the membership of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan

Kimberly M. Cahill Scholar:

One \$3,500 award at the University of Michigan Law School, sponsored by the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation

Dickinson Wright Women's Network Scholar:

One \$3,500 award at the University of Michigan Law School sponsored by the Dickinson Wright Women's Network

Dawn Van Hoek Scholar:

One \$3,500 award at Wayne State University Law School, sponsored by the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation

Florence King Scholar in Patent Law

One \$3,500 award for a student attending the University of Michigan Law School, Western Michigan Cooley Law School, Michigan State University College of Law, Wayne State University Law School, or University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, sponsored by Women Patent Lawyers

General Motors Scholarship

Two \$3,500 awards for students attending the University of Michigan Law School, Western Michigan Cooley Law School, Michigan State University College of Law, Wayne State University Law School, or University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, sponsored by General Motors Corporation

Dobrusin Law Firm Scholarship

One \$3,500 award for a student attending the University of Michigan Law School, Western Michigan Cooley Law School, Michigan State University College of Law, Wayne State University Law School, or University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, sponsored by the Dobrusin Law Firm

John Dalton & Mary Lou Peacock Scholarship

One \$3,500 award for a student attending University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, sponsored by the Peacock Law Firm

Masco Corporation Scholarship

Two \$3,500 awards for students attending the University of Michigan Law School, Western Michigan Cooley Law School, Michigan State University College of Law, Wayne State University Law School, or University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, sponsored by Masco Corporation

Miller Canfield Scholarship

One \$3,500 award for a student attending the University of Michigan Law School, Western Michigan Cooley Law School, Michigan State University College of Law, Wayne State University Law School, or University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, sponsored by Miller Canfield

The Collins Einhorn Farrell Professionalism Scholar

One \$3,500 scholarship for a student at one of Michigan's law schools (University of Michigan Law School, Western Michigan Cooley Law School, Michigan State University College of Law, Wayne State University Law School, and University of Detroit Mercy School of Law) who demonstrates a commitment to the growth of professionalism and civility in the practice of law

Additional information about the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation, and law student awardees in prior years, is available at www.wlamfoundation.org. A description of the award criteria and application process follows. Candidates for the awards must clearly indicate the award(s) they seek in their letter of interest and may apply for all available at their law school. Only one award will be made to each student, and previous awardees are ineligible.

Specific Requirement Criteria by Scholarship:

The Kimberly M. Cahill Scholar, Jean Ledwith King Scholar, Dawn Van Hoek Scholar, General Motors Scholars, Miller Canfield Scholar, and Masco Corporation Scholars must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled full or part-time
- Possess good academic standing
- Demonstrate leadership capabilities in advancing the position of women in society, including service in such areas as: social justice, equality, family law, child advocacy, domestic violence, or work on behalf of underserved areas or populations.

The Dickinson Wright Women's Network Scholar must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled full or part-time
- Maintain a 3.0 grade point average
- Demonstrate leadership capabilities in advancing the position of women in society, in business, and in the community.

The Florence King Scholar in Patent Law must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled full or part-time
- Possess good academic standing
- Demonstrate leadership capabilities in advancing the position of women in society, including service in such areas as: social justice, equality, family law, child advocacy, domestic violence, or work on behalf of underserved areas or populations, as well as eligibility to practice and an interest in patent law.

The Dobrusin Law Firm Scholar must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled full or part-time
- Possess good academic standing
- Demonstrate strong interest in promoting women in business and/or female entrepreneurship.

The John Dalton & Mary Lou Peacock Scholar must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled full or part-time
- Possess good academic standing
- Identify as a “non-traditional” law student which may include attending law school as a second career, having significant work or family obligations outside of law school or other unique circumstances.

The Collins Einhorn Farrell Professionalism Scholar must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled full or part-time
- Possess good academic standing
- Demonstrate a commitment to the growth of professionalism and civility in the practice of law.

Each applicant for any award must submit:

1. A law school transcript (to the extent that this is possible for 2L and 3L applicants);
2. A detailed letter of interest explaining how the student meets award criteria, and any relevant connections and commitments to the State of Michigan;
3. A resume;
4. Letters of recommendation (no more than three – these may be sent directly to Nicole Wilinski at nicole.wilinski@ceflawyers.com, directly to a designated contact at the law school, or provided by the student to their law school as part of their application).

Application Process (all schools):

Each law school will collect applications and forward nominees for each award to the Foundation Board for final approval. For any scholarships designated for **one school only**, we would prefer that only one nominee be submitted (if that complies with school rules). **However, each applicant may be submitted for more than one scholarship.** The following deadlines are in place for this year's process:

- Students must apply in writing to their law school **no later than February 28, 2024**;
- The law schools will forward to the Foundation Board recommended awardees, no later than March 29, 2024.
- The WLAM Foundation Board will review nominations by April 19, 2024.
- The awards will be made by April 30, 2024, and announced publicly in May of 2024.
- Our current plan is to invite the scholars, their families, and all law school representatives to an event tentatively planned for **May 31st in the Detroit area** in conjunction with the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan's Annual Meeting. We will be sure to notify all parties once the event is confirmed.

Applications at your law school should be returned to: _____

Awards on a school-by-school basis:

University of Michigan Law School: 1 Kimberly M. Cahill Scholar (\$3,500); 1 Dickinson Wright Women's Network Scholar (\$3,500)

Wayne State University Law School: 1 Dawn Van Hoek Scholar (\$3,500)

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law: 1 John Dalton & Mary Lou Peacock Scholar (\$3,500)

All referenced law schools:

- 1 Jean Ledwith King Scholar (\$3,500)
- 1 Miller Canfield Scholar (\$3,500)
- 1 Florence King Scholar in Patent Law (\$3,500)
- 2 General Motors Scholars (\$3,500 ea.)
- 2 Masco Corporation Scholars (\$3,500 ea.)
- 1 Dobrusin Law Firm Scholar (\$3,500)
- 1 Collins Einhorn Farrell Scholar (\$3,500)