



Women Lawyers of Ventura County

Mary Sullivan Scholarship Application

2018 - 2019 Academic Year

The Mary Sullivan Scholarship is a minimum \$500 award given to a law student or recent law school graduate who represents the ideals and values of Mary Sullivan. Awards up to \$3000 have been given. Ms. Sullivan, a Ventura lawyer and long-time member of WLVC, passed away in 2009. Ms. Sullivan exemplified the best qualities of an attorney, handling her cases with expertise, compassion, and dignity. Her practice initially was in family law; she subsequently represented parents in dependency court proceedings. Ms. Sullivan also devoted a considerable amount of time to representing individuals on a pro bono basis.

AWARD CRITERIA:

- Law student or recent law school graduate (*within the last two years*);
- Strong ties to Ventura County (e.g., resident or attending law school in Ventura County);
- Commitment to public interest work and/or advancing the interests of women/girls; and
- Financial need

PART ONE – PERSONAL INFORMATION: (*Please type or print clearly.*)

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Undergraduate College: _____

Undergraduate Degree: _____ Undergraduate GPA: _____

Law School: _____

(Expected) Graduation Date: _____ Law School GPA: _____

Public Interest Experience: _____

Professional Career Goals: _____

How you learned about this scholarship (be specific): _____

PART TWO – LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT:

Please submit a copy of your most current law school transcript. The transcript does not need to be certified or sealed. Please redact your social security number from the copy of your transcript. If you will be entering your first year of law school, please provide your undergraduate transcript and written proof of enrollment from your law school.

PART THREE – NARRATIVE STATEMENT:

Please submit a biographical essay which answers all the following questions.

- A. What is your connection to Ventura County? Please be specific (*e.g.*, whether you grew up in the County; currently reside there; attend(ed) law school there; work there; intend to settle there, *etc.*) and authentic. Generalized statements such as “I want to live in Ventura County one day” are strongly discouraged.
- B. Why did you decide to attend law school? What are your career goals, and how do they relate to public interest and/or the advancement of the interests of women/girls?
- C. How do your prior employment, volunteer work, education, and/or extracurricular activities demonstrate your commitment to public interest work and/or advancing the interests of women/girls? How have these experiences contributed to your current career path?
- D. What factors concerning your financial situation would you like the WLVC Scholarship Committee to consider? How might the Mary Sullivan Scholarship help you to achieve your goals?

Your essay must be typed in 12-point font or neatly printed. Essays will be reviewed for thoroughness, clarity, substance, and syntax. Please proofread your essay. You are encouraged to be creative and engaging – the narrative is your opportunity to let the WLVC Scholarship Committee know who you are.

DIRECTIONS FOR SUBMITTING YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:

1. Compile a complete scholarship application: an application cover sheet (with Part One - Personal Information), your most current law school transcript (or undergraduate transcript with proof of law school enrollment for incoming 1Ls), and your narrative statement. Incomplete applications will not be considered. You may, but are not required to, submit up to three (3) letters of recommendation.
2. Email your complete application as a single PDF file attachment to the WLVC Scholarship Chair, Jacquelyn Ruffin, at jruffin@mwgjlaw.com. The subject line of your email should read “WLVC 2018-2019 Scholarship Application.”
3. The deadline to submit your scholarship application is **JULY 15, 2018**. Late applications will not be considered. The WLVC Scholarship Committee will notify applicants of its decision by August 15, 2018. Honorees will be recognized at WLVC’s annual dinner on September 20, 2018.

NOTE:

The minimum scholarship award is \$500. Awards of up to \$3000 have been granted. Some years, multiple awards have been granted.

QUESTIONS?

For more information about the Mary Sullivan Scholarship, contact the WLVC Scholarship Chair, Jacquelyn Ruffin, at jruffin@mwgjlaw.com.

For more information about WLVC, please visit WLVC’s website at www.wlvc.org.

Thank you for your interest in WLVC. Good luck with the scholarship application!