## WLALA FOUNDATION'S 2022 RBG Equality Scholarships

"[I]f you want to be a true professional, you will do something outside yourself... something to make life a little better for people less fortunate than you." RBG

The Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (WLALA) Foundation is pleased to offer tuition scholarships to law students who plan to follow in the footsteps of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg by fighting for social justice, equality and inclusion, and have a demonstrated commitment to issues affecting women, children, minorities, or other historically marginalized groups. WLALA is an active bar association that seeks to promote the interests of women, and to promote equality and equal opportunity of all people. The WLALA Foundation's special projects include the Harriet Buhai Center for Family Law, which assists low income individuals in preparing and handling pro per family law matters; the Downtown Women's Center, which is the only organization in Los Angeles exclusively dedicated to addressing the needs of women overcoming poverty and homelessness in Skid Row; and the Fran Kandel Public Interest Grant, which provides financial assistance for special projects undertaken by law students working in the public interest. WLALA's numerous committees include a group that provides pro bono legal advice to victims of domestic violence.

As it did last year, the WLALA Foundation will award one-time tuition scholarships of a minimum of \$5,000 for the 2022-2023 academic year to law students whose prior and current activities, and future plans demonstrate a commitment to issues affecting women, children, racial minorities, or other historically marginalized groups. The scholarships will be announced publicly at the WLALA Installation Dinner in the fall of 2022, which recipients are required to attend. To be eligible, students must meet the following requirements:

- Be currently enrolled in an accredited law school, and plan to be so enrolled in the 2022-2023 academic year;
- Upon graduation from law school, plan to practice law in Los Angeles County or engage in legal work that affects Los Angeles County; and
- Be in the top fifty percent of their class.

To apply, please submit the following materials:

- Personal statement addressing your commitment to issues affecting women, children, minorities, and/or marginalized groups and how your commitment to public service will continue after law school graduation. The personal statement should also explain why you need the scholarship and how it will benefit you. The personal statement must be typed, double-spaced, and no longer than 2 pages;
- Resume;
- Law school transcript, including grades for fall semester 2021 (an unofficial transcript is acceptable); and
- Minimum one letter of recommendation (no more than three).

Applications must be emailed to: <u>info@wlala.org</u> (please include "Scholarship Application" on the email subject line) or mailed to the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, Attn: Scholarship Applications, 634 South Spring Street, Suite 617, Los Angeles, CA 90014. <u>All applications must be received or postmarked no later than April 30, 2022.</u>

Questions about the WLALA Foundation's 2022-2023Tuition Scholarships should be directed to either of the Co-Chairs of WLALA's Scholarship Committee:

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