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## Special Interest Scholarships

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Special Interest Scholarships support students who demonstrate a variety of different strengths and interests. To award these scholarships, we need additional information, as described herein. Each scholarship has a notation that it requires either:

- (1) An essay that addresses the requirements and is 1-2 pages, double-spaced (“Essay”); or
- (2) A list of activities that demonstrate your commitment to the **relevant factors** for the scholarship, as well as any additional information that you want the Financial Aid Committee to consider (“List”). For example, a List could include (this example relates to the Judi Wolf Scholarship):
  - Member, Women’s Law Caucus
  - Volunteered for women’s shelter, 2008-2014
  - Starred in 2012 Law School Musical
  - Studied ballet for 15 years
  - Student Attorney, Family Law Clinic, 2013

Please put your name and the name of the scholarship(s) or group at the top of each page you submit. Essay and List content should relate specifically to the scholarship(s) requirements, and should be only as long as necessary to demonstrate qualifications for the scholarship.

You can apply for all the scholarships for which you believe you are qualified.

### **SCHULTZ SCHOLARSHIPS**

To apply for these scholarships, you must submit an Essay (one essay is sufficient to apply for all Schultz scholarships).

- **Schultz Wildcatter Scholarship – Essay**
  - This scholarship will provide **full tuition** for one year to one truly outstanding student who meets the criteria described below.
- **John & Cynthia Schultz Law Scholarship – Essay**
  - This scholarship was established by John Schultz (’53) and his wife Cynthia in 2004, and is awarded to second or third year students who demonstrate financial need (though this need not be mentioned in the essay) and overall excellence, including high academic achievement and contributions to the law school community. Special consideration shall be given to those with a strong interest in energy law.

## **AMERICAN INDIAN LAW SCHOLARSHIP**

To apply for this scholarship, you must submit an Essay.

- **Frank E. (Sam) Maynes Scholarship - Essay**
  - The Maynes Scholarship, established by the Durango firm of Maynes Bradford Shipp & Sheftel LLP, is a need-based scholarship awarded to a Colorado Law student with an interest in American Indian Law or water law.

## **BUSINESS LAW SCHOLARSHIPS**

To apply for these scholarships, you must submit either an Essay or a List (separate Essay or List for each one), as indicated below.

- **The Buck Family Law Scholarship – Essay**
  - Awarded to one or more second or third year students who are interested in doing in-house transactional work, particularly in the energy industry.
- **The Yaley Family Law Scholarship - Essay**
  - Awarded to one or more second- or third-year law students who demonstrate academic excellence and are interested in pursuing an in-house legal career, particularly with respect to transactional and international legal matters.
- *Note that there also are scholarships listed below under “Character and Personal Excellence” that give special consideration to students with an entrepreneurial mindset and/or interest in entrepreneurial law.*

## **CRIMINAL DEFENSE SCHOLARSHIPS**

To apply for these scholarships, you must submit a separate Essay for each one.

- **Melanie Ruth Vogl Memorial Scholarships - Essay**
  - This scholarship was established by a gift from her estate to be awarded to students who have demonstrated outstanding trial advocacy skills and who desire to practice public interest law in the office of a public defender.
- **Bryan Shaha Scholarship - Essay**
  - Awarded annually to one or more deserving students who have indicated a desire to work in indigent defense services upon graduation from the Law School. Indications may include, but are not limited to, participating or having participated in the clinical program, interning for the state public defender or other indigent defense services provider, and intending to work for the Colorado Office of the Public Defender or other indigent services provider upon graduation.

- **Dan Barash Scholarship – Essay**

- The Dan Barash Scholarship was established in memory of Dan Barash ('02) by his parents, Norma and Paul G. Barash. Dan participated in both the Criminal Clinic of the Legal Aid & Defender Program and the Wrongful Convictions Clinic. After graduation he worked for the Office of the Public Defender for the State of Colorado, working in the El Paso County office during his short career. Dan passed away in 2004 from complications following surgery to relieve symptoms of Crohn's disease.
- The scholarship will be awarded to a student who has demonstrated interest in criminal defense work through current or past enrollment in a criminal clinic, participation in a Public Defender Office internship or externship or related work before or during law school, and/or intention to work for the Colorado Office of the Public Defender or another indigent defense services provider.
- The essay should include a discussion of the applicant's career goals and explain how these goals relate to Dan's commitment to public service. Selection of recipients is made in consultation with Dan's brothers, Dave and Jed.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL & NATURAL RESOURCES SCHOLARSHIPS**

To apply for these scholarships, you must submit either an Essay or a List (separate Essay or List for each one), as indicated below.

- **Berg Hill Greenleaf & Ruscitti LLP Scholarship – Essay**

- Awarded to a second or third year student who demonstrates academic excellence, and has an interest in practicing in the areas of litigation, water law, and environmental law.

- **Gordon and Welda Allott Scholarship – Essay**

- An annual award to a second or third year student who demonstrates a strong interest in natural resources law. The fund was established by the late Senator and Mrs. Allott as part of their long-standing interest in the development and conservation of natural resources. *This is a special program for a student who wishes to do legal research under the supervision of a faculty member on various projects connected with the Getches – Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment for one semester or for the entire academic year.* Applicants for this award must demonstrate financial need. Academic performance may be considered in making the award, but will not be the sole criterion.

- **Frances Green Sustainability Scholarship – List**

- This scholarship is for a second or third year student who has demonstrated a commitment to working for sustainability and/or the problem of reversing climate change. The recipient commits to spending 50 hours of volunteer work at an environmental organization or advocacy group pursuant to the Public Service Pledge.

- **Tom Lustig Environmental Scholarship – Essay**

- This scholarship, established in 2010 by Paula Connelly ('76) in memory of her husband Tom ('74), is awarded to one or more students interested in pursuing a

career in public interest environmental law. Preference may be given to those who have participated in or are participating in the Natural Resources Clinic.

- **The Charles N. Woodruff Fellowship – Essay**
  - Established by the Boulder law firm of Moses, Wittemyer, Harrison and Woodruff, P.C., in memory of Charles Woodruff ('67). Mr. Woodruff grew up in Walden, Colorado, and became a highly successful water resources lawyer. This fellowship promotes excellence in the practice of natural resources law and is awarded to a student from rural Colorado who demonstrates academic excellence and *functions as an intern in the Getches – Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment.*

## **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SCHOLARSHIPS**

- **James R. McBride Scholarship**
- **Thomas E. Schatzel Intellectual Property Scholarship**

To apply for these scholarships, you must submit a List demonstrating:

- Interest in pursuing a career in intellectual property law, including career goals
- Related academic and/or work experience
- Reasons for deserving an intellectual property scholarship

## **PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLARSHIPS**

- **The Davis Graham & Stubbs Scholarship**
- **Gene R. Nichol Public Interest Scholarship**
- **J.D. MacFarlane Scholarship**
- **Kenneth N. Kripke and Derril K. Kripke Scholarship**

To apply for this group of scholarships, you must submit a List demonstrating:

- Commitment to improvement of the legal profession and enlargement of its contributions to the public interest
- Demonstrated work (**past proven commitments over future assertions**) in the public sector delivering legal services to people who could not afford it (e.g., on behalf of the Legal Defense Fund or other programs)
- Interest in pursuing a career in trial law (if applicable)

## **TAX, ESTATE, AND ELDER LAW SCHOLARSHIPS**

To apply for these scholarships, you must submit either an Essay or a List (separate Essay or List for each one), as indicated below.

- **The William J. Bowe Scholarships – List**
  - Awarded to students who show good scholastic ability in law school, have financial need, and demonstrate an interest in practicing in estate planning and taxation. The fund was established by fellow faculty members and friends of the late Professor Emeritus William J. Bowe.

- **Colorado Bar Association Tax Section Scholarship – Essay**
  - The Tax Section of the Colorado Bar Association is offering a scholarship to a student with high achievement in law school taxation courses and an interest in practicing law with an emphasis in taxation matters.
- **Chayet & Danzo, LLC, Colorado Elder Law Scholarship – Essay**
  - This scholarship was established by Marco Chayet ('97) and Frank Danzo ('95) of the Denver firm in 2010, is awarded to one or more students interested in pursuing a career in the area of elder law and/or probate and estates to assist the elderly, disabled and incapacitated and their families in times of need. This can be demonstrated by their choices of coursework (estates, probate, trusts, estate planning, or wills & trusts), legal aid clinics and externships. Preference for a 2L or 3L based on merit and student participation in mock/moot court competitions, writing competitions, and trial advocacy in elder law, estates, probate, trusts, etc.

### **CHARACTER AND PERSONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS**

To apply for any of these scholarships, you must submit either an Essay or a List (separate Essay or List for each one), as indicated below.

- **Class of 2008 Jennifer Lee Shelton Scholarship - Essay**
  - Jenn Shelton was a cherished member of the Class of 2008 at the University of Colorado Law School who unexpectedly passed away as a 3L. The Class of 2008, the Shelton family, and Jenn's friends honor her memory with this scholarship, which is to be given to one or more third-year law students who embody Jenn's spirit of untiring love of life. Tremendously well-rounded, Jenn exhibited strong leadership skills in all endeavors, never took herself too seriously, and maintained many interests outside of law school. She placed great value on friendship — always demonstrating strong loyalty and treating others with love and respect while expecting the same in return. She also balanced self-confidence with a strong sense of humor.
  - In addition to the required criteria listed above, secondary factors to be considered may include the following: an interest in international experiences, appreciation of the outdoors, love for animals, athletic prowess, and an uncanny ability to find optimism and fun wherever one goes and in whatever one does. Through academic achievement is a contributing factor, it is not a deciding factor. Furthermore, applicants who demonstrate how these attributes have helped them overcome some sort of personal adversity will be favored. This scholarship will be given to one or more 3L students. Please submit a piece of creative writing, not limited to an essay, demonstrating one or more of these traits. Limit of 500 words.
- **Clifford J. Calhoun Scholarship - Essay**
  - An award to a second- or third-year law student who demonstrates academic excellence and the characteristics of Professor Emeritus Clifford J. Calhoun: intellectual ability of a high order with a commitment to enhance the classroom experience for all of his or her fellow students and prodigious integrity with an absence of self-aggrandizement. A short essay describing your qualifications, career aspirations, and *a letter of recommendation from a faculty member* must be submitted with this application.

- **Earnest-Johnson/Christian Legal Society Scholarship - Essay**
  - An award to a student who demonstrates a commitment to the principles and values that Hillary Earnest Johnson exemplifies: strong academic skills and a demonstrated commitment to a virtuous lifestyle and professional excellence.
- **Gary Woods Family Scholarship - Essay**
  - The Gary Woods Family Scholarship, established in 2010 by Sandra Woods and family in memory of her husband Gary A. Woods ('70), is awarded to one second or third year student who exhibits Gary's balance in life: academic purpose and broad life interests and experience (including athletics and community activities).
- **J. Brad Bernthal Endowed Scholarship – List**
  - The Bernthal Scholarship was established by the generosity of one of Brad's former students, Kaleb Sieh '09, and a close colleague and friend, Jason Mendelson. Established in late 2014, the fund provides scholarships to individuals who embody the spirit of Professor Brad Bernthal. The scholarship will be given to students with an entrepreneurial (not an entitlement) mentality; students focused on giving to others, not on their own self-aggrandizement; and students with a growth mindset who are committed to self-improvement.
- **John Grund Memorial Scholarship - Essay**
  - An award to one second-year law student who demonstrates the spirit of John Grund, including integrity, civility, and professionalism. Preference will be given to a student who expresses an interest in civil litigation.
- **Robert M. Gilbert (Class of '38) Scholarship – List**
  - An award to one or more deserving students, with special consideration to students who embody the qualities of Gilbert, particularly business acumen, willingness to take risks, entrepreneurial spirit, leadership, integrity and well-rounded interests and pursuits.
- **Rodney Lewis Scholarship – Essay**
  - Established by the Class of 2004, this scholarship is awarded to one second- or third-year law student who exhibits Rodney's qualities of a desire for learning, a love of life, and a dedication to one's community (law school or other community). Preference is given to an applicant committed to using his or her law degree in the field of education. Financial need may be considered.
- **Sarah L. Rector Memorial Scholarship - Essay**
  - Sarah Louise Rector graduated from the University of Colorado Law School in 2010. While in law school she took part in the Entrepreneurial Law Clinic which helped shape her future career ambitions. She passed away March 16, 2013, after a brief illness. This scholarship was established in Sarah's memory by her parents, grandmother and Cooley, LLP. The scholarship is awarded each year to a student who embodies Sarah's spirit. Special consideration is given to students who participate in the School's entrepreneurship program with a preference given to students who participate in the School's Entrepreneurial Law Clinic.
- **Victor Quinn Scholarship - Essay**
  - A scholarship to one or more students with financial need. A short essay describing an ethical issue you confronted and how you resolved it must be submitted with your application. The ethical issue need not be limited to a legal issue.

- Include your CUID on each page of this essay.
- **J. J. Witt Memorial Law Scholarship – *Brief Email Nomination of Another Student***
  - This scholarship was established by the Class of 2001, to be awarded to a student who best exhibits qualities like J. J. These qualities include a positive outlook, a cheerful disposition, a sense of humor, and a sincere desire to see his or her peers and colleagues benefit as much as possible from their own pursuit of the Juris Doctor. Financial need may be considered. Students should nominate others to receive this scholarship. Please submit the student's name with a brief justification as to why you believe the student personifies J.J. Witt.

## **COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS**

To apply for these scholarships, you must submit either an Essay or a List, as indicated below.

- **Commitment to Diversity Group - Essay**  
The following scholarships are primarily awarded to students who have strong academic achievement, and have contributed to a diverse student body. Need is a factor for these scholarships. Please explain your qualifications in your essay. *Only one essay is required to apply for all of the scholarships in the list below.*

Betsy Levin  
Caplan & Earnest  
Philip and Mildred Danielson

Michael A. Geller  
Joel H. Greenstein  
Don Sears

Note that each of the following scholarships requires a separate List (one List per scholarship).

- **CHBA Louise Romero Memorial Scholarship - List**
  - This scholarship will be awarded to a student in good standing, who demonstrates financial need, and has made or is committed to make significant contributions to the Hispanic or Latino community in Colorado.
- **Gordon G. Greiner Endowed Scholarship - List**
  - This scholarship goes to a second or third- year law student with financial need, an interest in Constitutional Law, and who promotes the University's policy to achieve a diverse student body.
- **William E. & Maxine Rentfro Law Scholarship - List**
  - To assist in the achievement of a diverse student body by providing a need-based scholarship to a student committed to protecting and preserving human and civil rights and to improving the lot of those seeking full participation in the American dream: racial minorities, immigrants, laborers, and others.

## **COMMUNITY-CENTERED SCHOLARSHIPS**

To apply for these scholarships, you must submit either an Essay or a List (separate Essay or List for each one), as indicated below.

- **Colorado Women's Bar Association Foundation Scholarship - List**
  - One scholarship to a second-year or third-year student who is a member and active participant in the CWBA, who demonstrates financial need, and who has a demonstrated interest in the mission of the CWBA: to promote and encourage the

advancement of women in the law, to promote the highest standards of the legal profession, to advance justice, and to promote, advance and protect the interests and welfare of all women.

- **Ann B. Frick Student Support Scholarship – List**
  - Awarded to a deserving student committed to public service and/or women’s issues.
- **Aurora Bar Association Scholarship - Essay**
  - The Aurora Bar Association Scholarship is awarded to one second or third year student who is a resident of Aurora, plans to pursue a legal career in Aurora, or demonstrates another strong tie to the City of Aurora. Financial need may be considered.
- **The Jean S. Breitenstein Law Clerks Scholarship - Essay**
  - One award to a third-year student without regard to residency who demonstrates academic ability and achievement, has financial need, and *expresses a desire to enter the private practice of law in Colorado*. The fund from which the award is made was established by former law clerks of the late Judge Breitenstein of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Selected finalists have a telephone interview with the Financial Aid Committee.
- **Moses Lasky Scholarships - List**
  - Awards will be made to outstanding students who will make significant contributions to the legal profession, either as lawyers or teachers, and who also have financial need. This fund was established by Moses Lasky, class of 1928.
- **W. Elery Wilmarth III Memorial Scholarship – List**
  - One award to a diligent, deserving student with a preference for a CU graduate and member of Sigma Nu.

## **SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS**

- **The Law Alumni Scholarship**
- **Ann Getches Scholarship**

To apply for this group of scholarships, you must submit a List demonstrating service to the law school community.

## **SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES SCHOLARSHIPS**

To apply for each of these scholarships, you must submit a List (separate list for each).

- **Conrad and Cheryl Swanson Scholarship – List**
  - Awarded to a student with prior work experience.
- **Donald S. Stubbs Scholarships - List**
  - Awarded to students who are children of families whose principal occupation or employment is the operation of a ranch or farm or who are otherwise closely related to the farming or ranching industry in **Colorado**. Approximately equal consideration will be given to a student's financial need, past and potential academic achievements, and promise as a practicing community lawyer. The fund from which the awards are made was established in honor of Donald S. Stubbs, a 1932 graduate who is a founding partner in the Denver law firm of Davis, Graham & Stubbs.
- **Judi Wolf Scholarship - List**
  - Awarded to one or more third year law students. Special consideration is given to students with demonstrated commitment to using their legal education for



advocacy and representation on behalf of women and issues impacting the lives of women. An interest in the performing arts will also be given special consideration. Financial need will be considered but is not determinative.

- **Matt Bond Scholarship – List**

- Awarded to a promising law student who has overcome adversity, with a preference for students who were the first in their family's history to attend college.

- **Robert M. Gilbert Law Scholarship - List**

- An award to a non-traditional student, particularly one who exceeds 30 years of age who may also be a single parent or individual in life transition such as a career change, divorce or widowhood; to assist an individual who is trying to better their life by attending law school, and needs financial assistance in order to achieve this goal.

- **Shawn Stigler and Alex Nelson Alpine Endeavors Law Scholarship - List**

- Established in 2004, this scholarship will be awarded to a third year student who in his or her first two years of law school demonstrated a passion for the alpine sports (skiing, snowboarding, telemarking, etc.). Submit a list illustrating your pursuit of excellence in and love for the alpine sports in spite of the rigors of the legal curricula.

*This list of scholarships is not an exhaustive list; other scholarships will be awarded based on application materials only. This list and the descriptions of the criteria are subject to change at any time and without notice. While we expect to be able to award all listed scholarships, it is possible that funding or other constraints will impact availability.*

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