



## **THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION 2021**

### **The Honorable Joel K. Asarch Elder Law and Special Needs Section Scholarship**

The New York Bar Foundation is pleased to announce the **2021 The Honorable Joel K. Asarch Elder Law and Special Needs Section Scholarship** which has been established by The Foundation through a gift from the Elder Law and Special Needs Section of The New York State Bar Association. The \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to a second year (2L) or third year (3L) law student who is enrolled in a law school in the State of New York during the 2020-2021 academic year and is actively participating in an Elder Law Clinic at the school during the 2020-2021 academic year or performs other substantial efforts which demonstrate interest in the legal rights of the elderly or those with disabilities.

A preference will be given to a student who demonstrates a present and permanent disability that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual.

A preference will be given to a student who demonstrates financial need.

#### **The Honorable Joel K. Asarch Elder Law and Special Needs Section Scholarship Program Goals**

The Elder Law and Special Needs Section encourages law students, through an elder law clinic experience, to learn about important legislative developments, regulations, and case laws impacting the elderly and disabled and to provide representation to those clients struggling with a variety of legal issues and problems related to aging and incapacity.

Through the scholarship, the Section aspires to advance opportunities for the disabled by implementing a preference for awarding the scholarship to a student who demonstrates a present and permanent disability that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual.

The ultimate goal of the scholarship is to create a network and cultivate relationships among lawyers whose practice focuses on elder law and special needs planning and law students planning to practice in these areas to encourage the practice of elder law and special needs planning among lawyers throughout the State of New York.

### **The Honorable Joel K. Asarch Elder Law and Special Needs Section Scholarship**

The scholarship, valued at \$2,500, will be awarded to one (1) student enrolled on a full-time or part-time basis during the 2020-2021 academic year in a law school in the State of New York.

1. The Elder Law and Special Needs Section Scholar will be a guest member of the NYSBA Elder Law and Special Needs Section during 2021.
2. The Elder Law and Special Needs Section Scholar and a guest will be invited to attend The Elder Law and Special Needs Section's Annual Meeting in January 2021, to receive the award.
3. The scholarship recipient will be announced in December, 2020.
4. The Elder Law and Special Needs Section Scholar will be selected by a committee comprised of representatives from The New York Bar Foundation and the NYSBA Elder Law and Special Needs Section. The selection committee will be comprised of no less than three members of the Elder Law and Special Needs Section.

### **Eligibility**

1. The scholarship is open to all second-year (2L) and third-year (3L) students who are enrolled in a law school in the State of New York during the 2020-2021 academic year.
2. The student must be actively participating in an Elder Law Clinic of the law school in which they are enrolled during the 2020 fall semester or registered to participate in an Elder Law Clinic during the 2021 spring semester, or must perform other substantial efforts which demonstrate interest in the legal rights of the elderly, or disabled, or the practice of elder law.
3. The student must have attained a 2.5 or equivalent GPA in law school.
4. A preference will be given to a student who demonstrates a present and permanent disability that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual.
5. A preference will be given to a student who can demonstrate financial need.

### **Payment of Scholarship**

The scholarship will be applied to the student's 2020-2021 academic year tuition. A check, made payable to the law school and the student, will be sent to the school no later than the end of February, 2021 if the student participates in an Elder Law Clinic in the 2020 fall semester OR no later than the end of April, 2021 if the student participates in an Elder Law Clinic in the 2021 spring semester. If the student is not participating in an Elder Law Clinic, then the check will be sent to the appropriate office at the school no later than the end of February, 2021.

## **Scholarship Application Requirements**

### **The applicant must submit the following:**

1. A completed application (application form below);
2. Cover letter of interest;
3. Unofficial law school transcript;
4. Current Résumé
5. A letter of recommendation from the student's Elder Law Clinic advisor or, if not participating in an Elder Law Clinic, from an individual who can substantiate the student's efforts which demonstrate interest in the legal rights of the elderly, or disabled, or the practice of elder law;
6. A five-page double-spaced essay by the student demonstrating why he or she would like to practice in the areas of Elder Law or Special Needs Planning.

### **Deadline**

All materials must be submitted by email on or before **Friday, November 13, 2020.**

### **Judging**

Criteria for judging applications will be:

1. Content and quality of application materials.
2. Demonstrated interest in Elder Law and Special Needs Planning.
3. Academic record.
4. Recommendation from Elder Law Clinic advisor or other relevant individual.
5. Quality of written expression.
6. Maturity, integrity and professionalism.
7. Any other relevant factors.

### **Submission**

All materials must be submitted by email on or before **Friday, November 13, 2020.**

Email submissions should be sent to [Ldorr@tnybf.org](mailto:Ldorr@tnybf.org)

Please include 'Elder Law Scholarship' on the subject line.

*About the* **ELDER LAW and SPECIAL NEEDS SECTION**  
**of the NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION**

The Elder Law and Special Needs Section provides services and opportunities for involvement on issues relating to Elder Law and Special Needs for members of the New York State Bar Association. Among its activities, the Section presents educational programs and publishes materials on practice, procedure and developments to enhance the competence and skill of lawyers who practice in this field and improve their ability to deliver the most efficient and highest quality of services to their clients; prepare studies, analyses and recommendations to seek improvement in the law and procedure relating to elder law and the special needs population; and undertake projects to increase the understanding of senior citizens, their families and the general public concerning legal issues affecting the elderly and disabled.

*About* **THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION**

Founded in 1950, The New York Bar Foundation is dedicated to aiding educational, direct legal services, and charitable projects aimed at meeting the law-related needs of the public and the profession. The Foundation solicits charitable contributions and provides funding for the following purposes:

- Increasing public understanding of the law
- Improving the justice system and the law
- Facilitating the delivery of legal services
- Enhancing professional competence and ethics

For more information about The New York Bar Foundation, go to

[www.tnybf.org](http://www.tnybf.org)



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**APPLICATION FORM**

Name: Mr./Ms.

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different)

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Day student       Evening student

Year of Law School Study as of September 1, 2020: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of anticipated graduation from law school: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you participating in an Elder Law Clinic in the 2020 fall semester?

Yes  No If yes, please describe your responsibilities:

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If no, are you registered to participate in an Elder Law Clinic in the 2021 spring semester?

Yes  No If yes, please describe your responsibilities (if known):

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\_\_\_\_\_

Will you receive credit for completing all work and assignments in the Elder Law Clinic?

Yes  No If yes, how many credits will you receive? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not participating in an Elder Law Clinic during the 2020-2021 academic year, please describe in detail your substantial efforts which demonstrate an interest in the legal rights of the elderly, or disabled, or the practice of elder law. (You may submit a separate page describing your efforts.)

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Do you have a present and permanent disability?  Yes  No

Are you receiving financial aid?  Yes  No If yes, please describe:

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Have you previously received any scholarships?  Yes  No If yes, please describe:

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Are you working to pay for your law school expenses?  Yes  No If yes, please explain:

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What are your career goals?

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**Prior Education**

| College Name | Address | Major | Dates<br>Attended | Degree |
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**Attach the following materials to this application:**

1. A cover letter which indicates your interest in the practice of elder law and special needs planning and the receipt of The Honorable Joel K. Asarch Elder Law and Special Needs Section Scholarship.
2. A law school transcript. (Transcripts need not be official; finalists may be asked to provide official transcripts.)
3. Current Résumé.

4. A letter of recommendation from your Elder Law Clinic advisor, or if not participating in an Elder Law Clinic, from an individual who can substantiate your substantial efforts that demonstrate interest in the legal rights of the elderly and disabled.
5. One five-page double-spaced essay demonstrating why you would like to practice in elder law and special needs planning. (Must be five double-spaced typewritten pages.)

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**Certification**

**I hereby certify that all of the statements contained and information provided in this application, and in the attachments hereto, are truthful, to the best of my knowledge, and that I meet the eligibility requirements for the 2021 The Honorable Joel K. Asarch Elder Law and Special Needs Section Scholarship.**

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Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Where did you hear of TNYBF Scholarship Opportunity? \_\_\_\_\_