January 20, 2016

Dear Financial Aid and Placement Office,

For the tenth year, the Illinois Government Bar Association intends to award a $1,000 scholarship to a qualifying Illinois law student this spring. We are asking for your assistance to solicit applicants. More than one scholarship may be awarded depending on submissions.

General requirements include being a first, second or third year law student with the intention of a career in local, state or federal government. Applicants who have or had a job or an internship in Illinois in the public sector now or by June 2016 will be given preference. The job can be paid or unpaid, full or part time.

All applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2016. Notification will be made to scholarship recipients on or after May 2016. A Scholarship Guidelines Sheet is enclosed which may be copied and distributed to interested law students.

For more information, please contact Government Bar Association President Joe McMenamin (mcmen732@aol.com) at (217) 528-2870 or Vice-President Joanna Belle Gunderson (joanna.gunderson@gmail.com) at (217)-801-2347.

Thank you for disseminating this information.

Respectfully,

Joanna Belle Gunderson
Vice-President & Scholarship Chair
Illinois Government Bar Association

Enclosure: Scholarship Guideline Sheet
2016
Illinois Government Bar Association
$1,000 Scholarship Guidelines

I. Eligibility for application:
   
a. You must be a law student at an accredited law school in Illinois; first, second or third year.

b. You must be planning a career in Illinois government at the local, state or federal level.

c. Preference for the scholarship will be given to those who have or had a job or internship in Illinois – paid or unpaid – in the public sector. Although it is not necessary to have the job at the time of application, we must have proof of the employment before the scholarship money will be disbursed in June, 2016.

d. Past scholarship recipients are not allowed to re-apply.

II. Application submissions:

a. Current resume, which must include your name, educational background, employment history, contact information, and GPA.

b. The names and addresses of the organizations to which you have worked or are applying for government employment (if applicable, preference will be given).

c. Letter of recommendation (optional, will be considered in evaluating applicants).

d. An essay up to two pages in length on why you are interested in a career in government service. The essay must be typed and double spaced. Please include your name and address in the right hand corner.

e. Send the above materials in one envelope to:

   Illinois Government Bar Association
   Att: Scholarship Committee
   PO Box 1976
   Springfield, IL 62705-1976

f. All applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2016 to be considered. Notification will be made on or after May 1, 2016.

g. For more information, or if there are any questions regarding the application process, please contact:
   Joe McMenamin (mcmen732@aol.com) at (217) 528-2870, or
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