HUDSON COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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HCBF Scholarship Application Criteria, Guidelines & Requirements

All scholarship candidates MUST submit a COMPLETE and ACCURATE application and must include ALL required supplemental materials in a submission that must be postmarked no later than ***April 30, 2012*** *to be considered. All applications that are untimely or that are not in conformance with the criteria listed below will not be considered. All awards are distributed at the discretion of the Hudson County Bar Foundation Scholarship Committee. All Applicants must be enrolled in or admitted to an accredited ABA approved law school at the time of the interview in order to be eligible for a scholarship award. The Hudson County Bar Foundation reserves the right to request additional information from each scholarship Applicant.*

All of the following documentation must be submitted in person or in a mailed submission postmarked by April 30, 2012. If you have any questions about this application or this process, please contact the Hudson County Bar Foundation at the telephone number listed at the top of this page.

1. Scholarship Application: All relevant sections of the application must be completed by the Applicant. The responses to each portion of the application MUST be printed or typed. The application must be signed by the Applicant.

2. Proof of Hudson County Residency: The Applicant MUST provide proof of Hudson County residency (i.e. driver's license, tax bill, utility bill, etc.)

3. Official Transcript(s): The Applicant MUST submit his or her latest law school or college official transcript with his or her scholarship application. If you are a first year law student, please send your undergraduate official transcript. You must also submit a transcript of your grades from your first semester in law school if these grades were released before the application deadline.

4. Personal Statement: The Applicant MUST submit a typed, double spaced Personal Statement with his or her scholarship application. The personal statement shall not exceed two pages in length. Scholarship applications accompanied by a personal statement not in conformance with these guidelines will not be considered. The personal statement shall discuss the following:

   - *Why did you decide to attend Law School?*
   - *Why did you choose the Law School that you are/will be attending?*
   - *Why do you think you would be a good lawyer?*
   - *What effect will the granting of this Scholarship have on your Law School career?*
   - *School & Community Activities*
   - *Career Goals*
   - *Do you intend to practice in Hudson County?*

5. Financial Aid Confirmation Letter: The Applicant MUST submit with his or her scholarship application a financial aid notice from their school indicating the financial aid amount awarded to the Applicant for the academic year OR a letter from the Applicant's law school indicating that the Applicant is not eligible to receive financial aid.

6. 1040 Tax Form: The Applicant MUST include a copy of his or her Federal 1040 tax form filed in the most recent fiscal year with his or her scholarship application. If the Applicant is married and the Applicant and his or her spouse file separate Federal 1040 tax forms, please provide a copy of Applicant's spouse's most recent Federal 1040 form. If the Applicant did not file a Federal or State income tax return in the most recent fiscal year, explain in writing why no tax return was filed.

7. Letters of Recommendation: The Applicant MUST include two letters of recommendation with his or her scholarship application. The letters should address Applicant's academic achievements, professional skills and any public interest/community service work performed by the Applicant. All letters should be signed, dated and included in sealed envelopes to the HCBF at the above address. Letters from family members will not be considered.

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BASICS

Name: _____

DOB:_____Place of Birth:_____Citizenship:_____

Father's full name:_____Mother's Full Name:_____
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Is your father living? Yes_____ No_____ Is your mother living? Yes _____ No_____

Occupation of Father:_____Occupation of Mother:_____

Applicant's Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____Cell Phone: _____E-mail _____

Where do you want all HCBF Scholarship notifications sent to? _____

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Do your parents live in Hudson County? Yes__ No ___If so, for how long?_____

Do you live in Hudson County? Yes___ No ____ If so, for how long?_____

Are you related to or are you a family friend of any of the HCBF Committee Members: Yes____ No _____
(Please see the attached list of HCBF Committee Members)
If so, please list his or her name and nature of the relationship: _____
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Do you currently work, intern or volunteer for any of the HCBF Committee Members: Yes_____ No_____

If so, please list his or her name, the nature of the relationship, and the duration of the relationship: _____

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Have you ever worked, interned or volunteered for any of the HCBF Committee Members:
Yes___ No _____

If so, please list his or her name, the nature of the relationship, and the duration of the relationship: _____

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EDUCATION

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL

Undergraduate School and Location: _____

Undergraduate Graduation Date and Degree awarded:_____

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Undergraduate Major: _____Undergraduate Minor: _____

Overall Undergraduate GPA: _____Class Rank: _____

Academic achievements, honors, and awards; civic, and community contributions; and extracurricular activities: _____

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GRADUATE SCHOOL

Graduate School and Location (*if applicable):* _____

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Graduation Date and Degree:_____

Graduate Major: _____Overall GPA: _____

Academic achievements, honors, and awards; civic and community service; and extracurricular activities:

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LAW SCHOOL

Name and location of Law School you will be/are attending: _____

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Anticipated Month and Year of Graduation: _____

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School Address_____

LSAT Score:_____

Will be Entering: Fall ( ) Spring ( ) Other ( ) _____

Current GPA: _____

Academic achievements, honors, awards, civic or community contributions or extracurricular activities:

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LAW SCHOOL FUNDING

List all anticipated law school costs (including, but not limited to, tuition, room and board, books, etc.). ___

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Source of funding (including, but not limited to, loans, financial aid, other scholarships, employment, gifts or loans from parents, other). Please distinguish between funds already received and anticipated funds.

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Please list any other scholarship funds (source, amount and year) you will receive or have received for law school: _____

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Please list any other scholarships (source, amount and date) for which you have applied:_____

Please list any extenuating circumstances, if any, which you think make your financial situation unique:

BUDGET FOR UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR:

Anticipated Income (List amount and source):

Anticipated Expenses:

NET WORTH STATEMENT

Assets: (List all assets including, but not limited to, bank accounts, securities, real estate, and trusts of which you are the beneficiary):

Total Assets: $ _____

LIABILITIES: (Loans and Assorted Debt)

Total Liabilities: $ _____

Certification Page

I am a bona fide resident of Hudson County. I understand that if a scholarship is awarded to me that it is awarded conditioned upon my attending the scholarship awards ceremony unless excused by the committee. Said ceremony is to take place on Tuesday, June 26, 2012.

I further understand that any scholarship award is further conditioned upon the truth and veracity of the statements contained in this Application and supporting documentation.

In consideration of my academic record and the facts set forth in this application, I respectfully petition that the scholarship be awarded to me for the academic year 2012 – 2013. I solemnly affirm to the best of my knowledge the information that I have provided in this application is true and accurate.

Signature:_____ Date: _____