

**THOMAS F. EAGLETON SCHOLARSHIP
2012-2013 Application**

READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Overview/Background

Thank you for expressing interest in the Thomas F. Eagleton Scholarship. This scholarship (\$10,000) was established by Thompson Coburn LLP to honor the memory and work of our longtime partner and friend, Senator Thomas F. Eagleton, in the legal community, the community-at-large and the U.S. Senate. The objective of the scholarship is to encourage diverse students to apply to law school and pursue a legal career, and to promote diversity in the legal profession.

Requirements for Eligibility:

To be eligible to receive the Thomas F. Eagleton Scholarship an applicant must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Be enrolled as a first year law school student at one of the following law schools: Washington University School of Law, Saint Louis University School of Law, University of Missouri – Columbia School of Law or University of Illinois School of Law.
2. The applicant must have achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) at his or her undergraduate institution.
3. The applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States of America, or able to work in the United States without limit as to duration or the need for employer sponsorship (students in F-1 status are not eligible).
4. Must demonstrate the ability to promote or enhance diversity in the legal profession.

Before receiving scholarships funds, recipient will be required to demonstrate admission to and plans to enroll at one of the participating law schools.

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Application Instructions:

1. **Application Form.** Each applicant must complete the attached application form.

2. **Personal Statement.** Your personal statement is your opportunity to include information that the application form does not convey and that you feel will assist us in reaching a thoughtful decision on your application. Examples of this information include a description of your personal strengths; your contributions through community service; a description of any obstacles, if any, you have overcome in pursuing your education; and the special qualities you would bring to the legal profession. While this list is not all-inclusive, it is intended to provide you with examples of the types of information we may find useful in evaluating your application. Please limit your personal statement to 500 -1,000 typed words and use only one side of the paper. Font size must be at least 10 point.

3. **Recommendations.** Each applicant must submit two recommendations, at least one of which may be from a professor or employer. Recommendations should not be from a friend, neighbor or family member. Appropriate people to ask include employers, school advisors, coaches and recent professors. No more than two recommendations will be considered. Recommendation letters are particularly useful when the writer provides substantive, comparative information about the applicant's abilities, activities and personal qualities, including specific examples that illustrate these attributes.

The recommenders should return their letters to you in sealed, signed envelopes, to be included with your application. If your law school maintains a central file of recommendations, that office may place copies of the recommendations in a sealed envelope signed by an authorized person in that office. *The recommendations must be submitted with the application.*

4. **Transcript.** Each applicant must submit an official sealed copy of his or her transcript from his or her undergraduate institution and graduate institution (if any).

5. **Additional information.** Please do not send any collateral materials such as photos, articles, resumes, etc. beyond the materials required above. Please do not insert the scholarship application in any type of binder, folder or binding.

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2012-2013 APPLICATION DATA**

I. PRELIMINARY INFORMATION: Please type or print all responses.

Name: Mr. Ms. Dr. _____
(Circle one) Last First Middle Initial

Social Security Number: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Present Address: _____
Street _____
City State Zip Code _____
Dates to use present address: _____

Permanent Address: _____
Street _____
City State Zip Code _____
Dates to use permanent address: _____

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____
City State Zip Code _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ (_____) _____
Primary Secondary

E-Mail Address(es): _____

Are you eligible to work in the United States without limitation or employer sponsorship: Yes or No

The objective of the Thomas F. Eagleton Scholarship is to encourage diverse students traditionally underrepresented in the legal profession to attend law school, to provide financial assistance to those students, and to promote diversity in the legal profession. *Please indicate here any such groups in which you would include yourself (ANSWER IS VOLUNTARY. No candidate will be rejected for consideration for declining to respond or because of their race or ethnicity):*

Race/Ethnicity: African American Asian/Pacific Islander
 Hispanic/American/Latino(a) Native American/Alaskan Native Mixed Race
 Other: _____

V. PERSONAL

Please answer the following:

____ Yes ____ No Have you ever been placed on academic probation or been required to withdraw from any school for academic reasons?

____ Yes ____ No Have you ever been the subject of any disciplinary action taken by any school or college, or are charges pending?

____ Yes ____ No Has your undergraduate or graduate course been interrupted for one or more terms for any reason?

____ Yes ____ No Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? Or is any charge pending against you for any crime other than a minor traffic violation?

____ Yes ____ No Have you been separated from a branch of the armed forces of the United States under conditions other than honorable?

If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, please explain fully in a separate statement.

Recommendation Letters

You must submit at least two letters of recommendation with your application. Please provide the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the persons submitting recommendations on your behalf. Include each person's affiliation to you, e.g., "professor" or "employer":

1. _____
2. _____

This application will not be considered unless these recommendations are attached.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ask each reference to submit a short (two or three page) letter giving his or her opinion of the applicant's character, strengths, weaknesses, abilities and other information that would help the Committee make its decision as well as an explanation as to how the candidate's selection would promote the objectives of the scholarship. The reference should state his/her relationship to the applicant. **Please submit your recommendation letters with your application in a sealed envelope. Do not have your recommendation letters mailed separately.**

Please identify the participating law school which you will be attending:

VI. EMPLOYMENT

Full-Time Employment

Please list your last five positions of full-time employment and military service, starting with your most recent employment. (List employment during the school year below.)

| Date From | Date To | Position | Name and Location of Employer | Reason for Leaving |
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Part-Time and Temporary Employment

Please list positions of employment you held as an undergraduate or graduate student during the academic year, starting with your most recent employment.

| Date From | Date To | Position | Name and Location of Employer | Reason for Leaving |
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VII. CERTIFICATION

_____ I am NOT a relative of a partner, associate or staff member of Thompson Coburn LLP.

_____ The information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I will inform the Scholarship Committee of any changes which might occur in this information. I understand that providing false, misleading or incomplete information will be grounds for denial or revocation of scholarship funds.

_____ By signing this application I authorize the Scholarship Committee to verify any information provided herein and I authorize the Scholarship Committee to contact present and former employers and references for information pertaining to this application. I agree to provide proof of the information that I have given on this application form. I understand that failure to provide such proof may result in denial of scholarship funds or rejection of the application.

The information provided in this form and any supplementary materials submitted by an applicant will be disclosed only to representatives of the Scholarship Committee as required to determine your eligibility for the scholarship, the accuracy of any information and the selection of the recipient. The information will be reviewed by qualified individuals who need to see it in the course of their duties.

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

RELEASE FORM

Thomas F. Eagleton Scholarship

This is to confirm that I, the undersigned named individual, have applied for a scholarship grant from the Thomas F. Eagleton Scholarship Program.

As consideration for the opportunity to be considered for participation in the Thomas F. Eagleton Scholarship Program, I grant Thompson Coburn LLP the right to use my name, voice, photograph, biography and excerpts from my scholarship application in any and all media in connection with the Thomas F. Eagleton Scholarship Program, including without limitation publicity about the program, newsletters, brochures and other materials.

Execution of this form does not obligate Thompson Coburn LLP to select me as a scholarship recipient, nor to publish information or other materials concerning the undersigned.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: (typed or printed) _____

Permanent Address: _____

CHECKLIST FOR APPLICATION

(Please make sure you have completed the following :)

- _____ Completed all pertinent areas of this application.
- _____ Signed the certification (VII).
- _____ Signed the release form.
- _____ Completed essay/personal statement.
- _____ Supplied recommendation letters.
- _____ Enclosed official undergraduate and graduate (if any) school transcript(s).
- _____ Postmarked by the June 15, 2012* deadline.

For further information please contact:

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St. Louis, MO 63101

Please return all materials to:

Thomas F. Eagleton Scholarship Committee
Thompson Coburn LLP
One US Bank Plaza
St. Louis, MO 63101

**Please be careful to apply the CORRECT POSTAGE.
Failure to do so will result in your application being returned.
Faxed, emailed or hand delivered applications will not be accepted.**

THANK YOU.