

# 2014 ABA/NLADA EQUAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE

## Justice Scholarship

### **Purpose:**

The Justice Scholarship Program gives people who, without financial assistance cannot afford to attend the 2014 ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference, an opportunity to participate. The purpose of the Justice Scholarship Program is to provide travel expense *assistance* to full-time pro bono program managers/staff and new lawyers participating in post-graduate public service fellowships (including Americorps lawyers) -- two groups that routinely have found it financially difficult to attend. Scholarships up to \$750 will be provided to help *reimburse* travel-related expenses for each recipient.

### **Eligibility:**

To be eligible to receive a Justice Scholarship, applicants must:

1. be employed full-time as the director or a staff member of a pro bono program dedicated to providing free civil legal services to the poor or be a new lawyer participating in a post-graduate public service fellowship,
2. not have received a scholarship to attend the Equal Justice Conference within the past two years,
3. first seek and be denied full financial support from their program or organization before requesting a Justice Scholarship,
4. pay the conference registration fee, and
5. agree to submit a report and evaluation of the Equal Justice Conference by June 13, 2014, stating objectives for conference attendance, what was gained from attendance, and how this knowledge will be put to use in the person's work.

Preference will be given to pro bono program managers and staff who have never attended the Equal Justice Conference or who have not attended within the past two years.

### **Award:**

Justice Scholarship recipients will receive up to \$750 in reimbursement for travel related expenses including: air and ground transportation, meals, and housing at the *conference* hotel (room and tax only) relative to their attendance at the Equal Justice Conference. NOTE: Justice Scholarships cannot be used to pay the conference registration fee.

### **Distribution of Award:**

Scholarships will be awarded on a reimbursement basis only, following receipt of the conference evaluation, personal report, and reimbursement request form (*with original receipts*). The ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service will provide these forms to scholarship recipients prior to the Equal Justice Conference.

### **Application:**

The Justice Scholarship application form must be received by the ABA no later than **5 p.m. CENTRAL on Friday, February 21, 2014**. For more information, please contact Erin Wellin at [erin.wellin@americanbar.org](mailto:erin.wellin@americanbar.org).

### **Submit to:**

Equal Justice Conference  
EJC Justice Scholarship  
American Bar Association  
321 North Clark St., 19<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60654  
[Erin.wellin@americanbar.org](mailto:Erin.wellin@americanbar.org)

**Scholarship Announcement:** Justice Scholarship Award recipients will be notified by February 24, 2014.

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**Check one :**    ☐ **I am a full-time pro bono manager or staff person.**  
                       ☐ **I am a new lawyer participating in a post-graduate public service fellowship.**  
                                  **Fellowship Sponsor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**By submitting this application, I certify that:**

☐ **I have sought financial assistance from my organization to support my attendance at the Equal Justice Conference.**

☐ **I have not received a scholarship to attend the Equal Justice Conference in the past two (2) years (or, ☐ have never attended).**

☐ **I will complete and submit the conference registration form and pay the appropriate fees by the early registration deadline of February 28, 2014.**

☐ **I agree to stay in the conference hotel – Hilton Portland & Executive Tower. Please note: rooms sell out fast so reservations should be made as soon as possible.**

☐ **I agree to submit a report and evaluation of the Equal Justice Conference by June 13, 2014, stating objectives for conference attendance, what was gained from attendance, and how this knowledge can be put to use in my work.**

☐ **I understand that I will cover my own expenses and will be reimbursed after the conference following my submission of a reimbursement expense form (to be provided by the ABA) with *original* receipts.**

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Applicant Signature

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Date

**RETURN FORM BY 5:00 P.M. CENTRAL, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014 to:**

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