DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
FOR LAW STUDENTS

Application Deadline: March 1, 2015

The Greenspoon Marder Diversity Scholarship Program for Law Students is administered by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Inc.
GREENSPOON MARDER DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

The Greenspoon Marder Diversity Scholarship Program for Law Students will award financial assistance to scholarship recipients attending an ABA-accredited law school. The scholarship is for a second-year law student and will be awarded in the Spring of 2015 for the Fall 2015 semester in the amount of $2,500. The scholarship award may be renewable for an additional semester, resulting in financial assistance totaling $5,000 during his or her time in law school. Although each recipient will need to re-apply for the scholarship, the expectation is that the scholarship will be renewed if satisfactory performance in law school has been achieved, the student has applied for admission to The Florida Bar, the student is otherwise eligible, and funding is available. It is the desire of the program that the student practice law in the state of Florida upon graduation from law school.

The mission of the Greenspoon Marder Diversity Scholarship Program is to encourage racial and ethnic minority students, groups that are traditionally underrepresented in the legal profession, to attend law school and provide financial assistance to these students. In addition to whether the applicant is a member of a racial and/or ethnic minority that has been underrepresented in the legal profession, the applicant's financial need (optional); personal, family, and educational background; personal statement; and participation in community service activities will be considered in selecting the recipients of the Greenspoon Marder Diversity Scholarships. It is important for every applicant to complete all portions of the application, except that financial information for the applicant and his or her parents is optional and need only be completed if the applicant wishes to have financial need considered. A committee of Greenspoon Marder partners will select the recipients, subject to final approval of the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. The decisions of the committee are final.

Requirements for Eligibility:
To be eligible to receive a Greenspoon Marder Diversity Scholarship, an applicant must meet all of the following requirements:

1. The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time law student in the Fall 2015 academic semester at one of the following law schools: The University of Florida Levin College of Law, Florida State University College of Law, the Florida A & M University College of Law, Stetson University College of Law, Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center, St. Thomas University School of Law, Florida Coastal School of Law, Florida International University College of Law, or Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law. The applicant must be categorized as a second-year law student when beginning in the Fall of 2015.

2. At the time of submission of the application, the applicant must have achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.6 (on a 4.0 grading scale) as of the most recent completed semester.

3. The applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States of America. Students who are citizens and residents of a foreign country, even if they plan to attend law school in the United States, are not eligible to apply.

4. Students who leave law school after being awarded this scholarship will be requested to return the scholarship funds.
Application Requirements:

1. Application Form. Each applicant must complete the attached application form. Please note: The financial information is optional. If you elect to include your financial information: You must attach copies of federal income tax forms for yourself, and your parents if you receive any financial support from your parents. Please indicate in the appropriate section of the application if you or your parents are not required to complete federal income tax forms. Each applicant is responsible for notifying the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Inc. in writing of any changes that may have an effect on their financial status.

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 such information include a description of your personal strengths, your contributions through community service, a description of any special or unusual circumstances that may have affected your academic performance, or your personal and family history of educational or socio-economic disadvantage. While this list is not all-inclusive, we offer it for you to consider the types of information that may be useful in evaluating your application. Be sure to include in this statement, why you plan to practice law in the state of Florida upon graduation. Please limit your personal statement to 1,000 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 should be from a professor. Recommendations should not be from a friend, neighbor or family member. Appropriate people to ask include employers, school advisors, coaches and recent teachers. No more than four 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 copy of his or her transcript from his or her undergraduate institution and law school.

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

Name: Mr. Ms. Dr.  (circle one)  ____________________________________________________________

(last) (first) (middle initial)

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):  ________________________________________________________________

Date of Birth:  ______________________ Place of Birth:  ________________________________

Month/Day/Year

Citizenship:  ______ United States  ______ Permanent Resident

If a permanent resident, how long have you lived in the United States? __________________________

Alien #:  __________________________________

Optional: The mission of the Greenspoon Marder Diversity Scholarship Fund is to encourage
racial and ethnic minority students, groups that are traditionally underrepresented in the legal
profession, to attend law school and provide financial assistance to these students.  Please
indicate here any such groups in which you would include yourself:

_____________________________________________________________________________

You are strongly encouraged to attach a brief statement describing aspects of this identity that
are relevant to your application, such as personal and family background, community service
activities or other connections to your racial or ethnic minority.  Please limit your statement to
1,000 words.
II. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Undergraduate and Graduate Education

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Score on LSAT: _____________________

Honors and Awards

Please list the honors and awards you have received during your graduate and undergraduate studies (academic and non-academic). Please use the space provided. You may continue the description on an additional page following the same format. Do not refer to a separate attachment or resume.

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## III. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please detail extracurricular activities in which you have been significantly involved during the last 5 years, and describe your participation or offices held. If you do not have significant extracurricular activity, you may choose to attach an optional brief statement explaining why there is minimal extracurricular activity.

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## IV. COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please detail community service activities in which you have participated. You are encouraged to discuss these activities and your contribution to the activities in your personal statement.

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V. PERSONAL

Please answer the following:

_____ Yes   _____ No  Have you 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, but no more than four, letters of recommendation with your application. Please provide the names, and email addresses of the persons submitting recommendations on your behalf. Include each person’s affiliation to you, e.g., "professor" or “employer”:

1. ____________________________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________________________

4. ____________________________________________________________

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

It is the applicant's responsibility to ask these references to submit a short (one page only) letter giving their opinion of the applicant's character, strengths, weaknesses, abilities and other information that would help the Committee make its decision. 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.
VI. EMPLOYMENT

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

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Part-Time and Term-Time Employment
Please list positions of employment you held as an undergraduate or graduate student during the academic year, starting with most recent employment.

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VII. OPTIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Marital Status: _______ Single _______ Separated/Divorced _______ Married

Do you have legal dependents other than a spouse? _______ Yes _______ No

How many people live in your household? _______ Adults _______ Children

Are you the first person in your family to attend college? _______ Yes _______ No

Are you the first person in your immediate family to attend graduate school? _______ Yes _______ No

_______________________________________________________________

What are your current, major sources of income?

- _____ Alimony/Child Support
- _____ Social Security
- _____ Employment
- _____ Spouse - Partner
- _____ Public Assistance
- _____ Unemployment
- _____ Self Employed
- _____ Other (please explain)

Current employment

Student

Spouse/partner

Weekly earnings: $_______________ $_______________

Expected 2015 income: $_______________ $_______________

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<th>Employer</th>
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Please fill in income, expense and asset data for the year January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 and enclose a complete signed copy of your 2013 IRS TAX RETURN (Form 1040).

1. Adjusted gross income.............................. $__________________________
   earned income..........................$__________________________
   interest/dividend income...$__________________________

2. Total U.S. income tax paid......................... $__________________________

3. Income earned by others living in your household... $__________________________

**Student's Asset Information**

Please complete the following asset information for the student (and spouse, if applicable). Please refer to the section at the end titled “Special Circumstances” if you wish to provide additional information for any item.

Cash, savings, checking accounts: $__________________________

Home:

- ______ Own  Monthly mortgage payment: $__________________________
- ______ Current principal balance: $__________________________
- ______ Rent  Monthly rent payment: $__________________________

Other real estate (explain): $__________________________

Business (explain): $__________________________

Stocks, bonds and other investments (explain): $__________________________

Trust funds of which student/spouse is beneficiary: $__________________________

Retirement accounts: $__________________________

**Estimated Expenses**

Please use school data or information from your financial aid package. Budget should be for one full year of expenses and resources). *THIS SECTION IS VERY IMPORTANT TO SHOW HOW YOU PLAN TO FINANCE YOUR EDUCATION.*

BUDGET for the period from ____________ to ____________

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<td>Books &amp; Supplies $___________</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL RESOURCES $___________</strong></td>
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Educational Loans and Financial Assistance

Please refer to the section at the end titled “Special Circumstances” if you wish to provide additional information for any item.

Scholarships/grants for 2014-2015 academic year:

Source: ____________________________ Amount: $__________________

Source: ____________________________ Amount: $__________________

Financial Assistance from third persons (explain):

Source: ____________________________ Amount: $__________________

Source: ____________________________ Amount: $__________________

Are you currently in default on a federal educational loan?  ____ Yes (explain) ____ No

Please list your outstanding educational loans:

Lender: ____________________________ Amount:$_______________ Payments:__________________

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Special Circumstances

Please explain any special circumstances affecting your financial situation that would be helpful to the Committee in assessing your financial need. (Add a separate sheet if necessary.)

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VIII. CERTIFICATION

______ I am NOT a relative of any donors who have established a Community Foundation of Sarasota County scholarship fund.

______ The information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I will inform the Community Foundation of Sarasota County of any changes which might occur in this information. I understand that providing false, misleading or incomplete information will be the basis for denial or revocation of scholarship funds.

______ By signing this application I authorize the Community Foundation to verify any information provided herein and I authorize the Community Foundation of Sarasota County to contact present and former employers and references for information pertaining to this application. I hereby agree to provide proof of the information that I have given on this application form, including a copy of my and my parents’ U.S. income tax returns. I understand that failure to provide such proof may result in denial of scholarship funds.

Applicant’s Signature_______________________________________ Date ______________

RELEASE FORM

Greenspoon Marder Diversity Scholarship Program for Law Students

This is to confirm that the undersigned has applied for a scholarship grant from the Greenspoon Marder Diversity Scholarship Program for Law Students.

As consideration for such grant and for the opportunity to participate in the Greenspoon Marder Diversity Scholarship Program, you hereby grant to the Community Foundation of Sarasota County and Greenspoon Marder the right to use in all media, your name and voice, and, if we so choose, your photograph, biography and excerpts from your scholarship application, in connection with the Greenspoon Marder Diversity Scholarship, publicity about the program, newsletters, brochures and other materials.

If the foregoing terms are satisfactory, please sign and date this agreement below and return it with your application. Execution of this Agreement does not obligate Greenspoon Marder or the Community Foundation of Sarasota County to select you as a scholarship recipient, nor to publish your information or other materials.

I hereby consent to the use of information about myself and my application, as stated and described herein, and agree with the provisions of this release form:

Signature:_______________________________________ Date:________________________

Name: (typed or printed)________________________________________________________

Permanent Address:__________________________________________________________
CHECKLIST FOR COMPLETE APPLICATION
(Please make sure you have completed the following:)

- Completed all pertinent areas of this application.
- Signed the certification (VIII).
- Supplied recommendation letter.
- Enclosed undergrad and law school transcript.
- Enclosed most recent IRS TAX RETURN, if applicable.
- In the Community Foundation office by the March 1, 2015 deadline.
  (Faxed applications will not be accepted)

Please return completed application to:

Community Foundation of Sarasota County
ATTN: Earl Young
2635 Fruitville Road
Sarasota FL, 34237

Please be careful to apply the CORRECT POSTAGE.
Failure to do so will result in your application being returned.
THANK YOU.

Applications must be returned to the Community Foundation by March 1, 2015

For further information please contact:

Earl Young, Scholarship Manager
Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Inc.
(941) 556-7114
eyoung@cfsarasota.org
www.cfsarasota.org