

# **2021 Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation Awards for Outstanding Women Law Students**

The Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of the 2021 awards to outstanding women law students, funded by generous contributions from individuals, law firms, and corporations. This year, \$35,000 will be awarded statewide to 10 outstanding women law students attending Michigan's five accredited law schools (University of Michigan Law School, Western Michigan Cooley Law School, Michigan State University College of Law, Wayne State University Law School, and University of Detroit Mercy School of Law). The following awards will be made in 2021:

## **Kimberly M. Cahill Scholar:**

**One \$3,500 award at the University of Michigan Law School, sponsored by the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation**

## **Dickinson Wright Women's Network Scholar:**

**One \$3,500 award at Michigan State University College of Law sponsored by the Dickinson Wright Women's Network**

## **Dawn Van Hoek Scholar:**

**One \$3,500 award at Wayne State University Law School, sponsored by the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation**

## **Florence King Scholar in Patent Law**

**One \$3,500 award for a student attending the University of Michigan Law School, Western Michigan Cooley Law School, Michigan State University College of Law, Wayne State University Law School, or University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, sponsored by Women Patent Lawyers**

## **General Motors Scholarship**

**Two \$3,500 awards for students attending the University of Michigan Law School, Western Michigan Cooley Law School, Michigan State University College of Law, Wayne State University Law School, or University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, sponsored by General Motors Corporation**

## **Dobrusin Law Firm Scholarship**

One \$3,500 award for a student attending the University of Michigan Law School, Western Michigan Cooley Law School, Michigan State University College of Law, Wayne State University Law School, or University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, sponsored by the Dobrusin Law Firm

## **John Dalton & Mary Lou Peacock Scholarship**

One \$3,500 award for a student attending University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, sponsored by the Peacock Law Firm

## **Masco Corporation Scholarship**

One \$3,500 award for a student attending the University of Michigan Law School, Western Michigan Cooley Law School, Michigan State University College of Law, Wayne State University Law School, or University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, sponsored by Masco Corporation

## **Miller Canfield Scholarship**

One \$3,500 award for a student attending the University of Michigan Law School, Western Michigan Cooley Law School, Michigan State University College of Law, Wayne State University Law School, or University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, sponsored by Miller Canfield

Additional information about the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation, and law student awardees in prior years, is available at [www.wlamfoundation.org](http://www.wlamfoundation.org). A description of the award criteria and application process follows. Candidates for the awards must clearly indicate the award(s) they seek and may apply for all available at their law school. Only one award will be made to each student, and previous awardees are ineligible.

## **Specific Requirement Criteria by Scholarship:**

The WLAM Foundation Scholars, Kimberly M. Cahill Scholar, Dawn Van Hoek Scholar, General Motors Scholars, Peacock Law Firm Scholar, Miller Canfield Scholar, and Masco Corporation Scholar must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled full or part-time
- Possess good academic standing
- Demonstrate leadership capabilities in advancing the position of women in society, including service in such areas as: social justice, equality, family law, child advocacy, domestic violence, or work on behalf of underserved areas or populations.

**The Dickinson Wright Women's Network Scholar must meet the following criteria:**

- Be enrolled full or part-time
- Maintain a 3.0 grade point average
- Demonstrate leadership capabilities in advancing the position of women in society, in business, and in the community.

**The Florence King Scholar in Patent Law must meet the following criteria:**

- Be enrolled full or part-time
- Possess good academic standing
- Demonstrate leadership capabilities in advancing the position of women in society, including service in such areas as: social justice, equality, family law, child advocacy, domestic violence, or work on behalf of underserved areas or populations, as well as eligibility to practice and an interest in patent law.

**The Dobrusin Law Firm Scholar must meet the following criteria:**

- Be enrolled full or part-time
- Possess good academic standing
- Demonstrate strong interest in promoting women in business and/or female entrepreneurship.

**The John Dalton & Mary Lou Peacock Scholar must meet the following criteria:**

- Be enrolled full or part-time
- Possess good academic standing
- Identify as a “non-traditional” law student which may include attending law school as a second career, having significant work or family obligations outside of law school or other unique circumstances

**Each applicant for any award must submit:**

1. An official law school transcript (to the extent that this is possible for 2L and 3L applicants);
2. A detailed letter of interest explaining how she meets award criteria, and any relevant connections and commitments to the State of Michigan;
3. A resume;
4. Letters of recommendation (no more than three – these may be sent directly to Kristen Pursley [kpursley@patentco.com](mailto:kpursley@patentco.com), directly to a designated contact at the law school, or provided by the student to their law school as part of their application).

## **Application Process (all schools):**

Each law school will collect applications and forward nominees for each award to the Foundation Board for final approval. For any scholarships designated for **one school only**, we would prefer that only one nominee be submitted (if that complies with school rules). **However, each applicant may be submitted for more than one scholarship.** The following deadlines are in place for this year's process:

- Students must apply in writing to their law school **no later than December 31, 2020;**
- The law schools will forward to the Foundation Board recommended awardees, no later than February 1, 2021;
- The WLAM Foundation Board will review nominations by March 1, 2021;
- The awards will be made by April 1 and announced publicly in April of 2021;
- While we certainly hope we will be able to hold an event to celebrate the awardees, at this time we are in a wait and see position and will be sure to notify all awardees if a reception will be held.

Applications at your law school should be returned to: **Jessica Rouser, rouserjm@udmercy.edu**

### **Awards on a school-by-school basis:**

<b>University of Michigan Law School:</b>	1 Kimberly M. Cahill Scholar (\$3,500)
<b>Wayne State University Law School:</b>	1 Dawn Van Hoek Scholar (\$3,500)
<b>University of Detroit Mercy School of Law:</b>	1 John Dalton & Mary Lou Peacock Scholar (\$3,500)
<b>Michigan State University College of Law:</b>	1 Dickinson Wright Women's Network Scholar (\$3,500)
<b>All referenced law schools:</b>	1 Miller Canfield Scholar (\$3,500) 1 Florence King Scholar in Patent Law (\$3,500) 2 General Motors Scholars (\$3,500 ea.) 1 Dobrusin Law Firm Scholar (\$3,500) 1 Masco Corporation Scholar (\$3,500)