



Multicultural Judges & Lawyers Section of the Delaware State Bar Association

2018 Alford Excellence Award

On **May 16, 2018**, the Multicultural Judges and Lawyers Section (“MJL Section”) of the Delaware State Bar Association will hold its annual Judge Haile L. Alford Memorial Breakfast. The event is held in honor of Haile L. Alford, the first African-American female judge in the State of Delaware. Judge Alford was appointed by Governor Mike Castle in 1992 and served on the bench until her untimely death in 2003 at the age of 54.

During the Alford Memorial Breakfast, the MJL Section intends to grant the 2018 Alford Excellence Award, a \$3,000 scholarship, to at least three future practitioners who will sit for the July 2018 Delaware Bar Examination.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Application materials include: (1) the 2018 Alford Excellence Award Application, (2) a personal essay (1000 word limit) and (3) at least 1 letter of recommendation.

Part I

2018 Alford Excellence Award Application: Each applicant must submit the attached Application to highlight their superior academic credentials, leadership qualities, commitment to community service, and intent to actively practice law in the State of Delaware.” Each applicant must complete all the requested information in the Application and include copies of a transcript (an unofficial copy is acceptable) and a résumé. Applicants may also include copies of other relevant documents, such as awards, recognition certificates, etc.

Part II

Personal Essay: Each applicant must submit a persuasive essay, highlighting his/her demonstrated leadership abilities, commitment to community service, personal barriers that have been overcome and/or provides examples of academic achievements, awards and certificates, personal qualities and character. In addition, applicants **MUST** address why they desire to actively practice law in Delaware and/or their ties/commitment to the state of Delaware. As a reminder, this scholarship is intended to help supplement the costs of sitting for the **DELAWARE** Bar.

Part III

Letter of recommendation: Each applicant must submit at least one letter of recommendation, which highlights how the applicant meets any/all of the criteria mentioned above.

Part IV

Each scholarship recipient will be required to submit proof of a submitted application to sit for the 2018 Delaware Bar by May 15, 2018. Failure to do so will lead to forfeiture of the scholarship. All application materials should be submitted **via email** by **April 6, 2018** to:

The Alford Excellence Award Selection Committee
Attn: Kwesi Atta-Krah, Esq.
Multicultural Judges and Lawyers Section
hailealfordexcellence@gmail.com

2018 ALFORD EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

Email:

Date of Birth:

Phone:

ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

Law School(s) Attended:

G.P.A.:

Class Rank:

Honors/Awards:

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Name or organization/service project:

Approx. Service Hours:

Contact Name and Title:

Contact Phone and Email:

Nature of service:

Name or organization/service project:

Approx. Service Hours:

Contact Name and Title:

Contact Phone and Email:

Nature of service :

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Applicant Signature:

Date: