



January 27, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

Each year, the Central Illinois Women's Bar Association partners with the Sangamon County Bar Association to award the Judge Jeanne E. Scott Scholarship. This scholarship is a discretionary award given to a current or aspiring law student from the central Illinois area. Please find enclosed a press release and the 2020 application for distribution to your qualifying students. The scholarship is open to students of all sexes and gender. All applications must be emailed or postmarked by March 27, 2020. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Antonette Palumbo  
President  
Central Illinois Women's Bar Association  
2184 Greenbriar Road  
Springfield, IL 62704

[ciwba@ciwba.org](mailto:ciwba@ciwba.org)  
(217)836-0665

## PRESS RELEASE

January 27, 2020

Antonette Palumbo  
President  
Central Illinois Women's Bar Association  
2184 Greenbriar Road  
Springfield, IL 62704

[ciwba@ciwba.org](mailto:ciwba@ciwba.org)  
(217)836-0665

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: The Central Illinois Women's Bar Association ("CIWBA") is currently accepting applications for a \$2,000 nonrenewable scholarship to be awarded in 2020. CIWBA partners with the Sangamon County Bar Association to jointly fund the Judge Jeanne E. Scott Scholarship to an aspiring or current law student. The scholarship is given in memory of Judge Jeanne Scott, a Springfield native who was the first woman to become a Sangamon County Circuit Court judge and the first female appointee to the federal bench in the Central District of Illinois. The scholarship is available to college students, college graduates intending to go to law school, or current law students attending an accredited law school. Additionally, applicants must have been a resident of one of the following central Illinois counties at the time he or she graduated high school: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass Champaign, Christian, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Greene, Jersey, Livingston, Logan, Macon, McClean, Menard, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Piatt, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Vermilion, or Woodford. To access a copy of the application, visit [ciwba.org](http://ciwba.org). Questions can be directed to [ciwba@ciwba.org](mailto:ciwba@ciwba.org). Completed applications must be emailed or postmarked by March 27, 2020.

## **Judge Jeanne E. Scott Scholarship**

### **Award:**

One \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded in 2020. This scholarship is nonrenewable and funded by the Central Illinois Women's Bar Association (CIWBA) and the Sangamon County Bar Association (SCBA). This is a discretionary monetary award to be used for school expenses.

### **Applying:**

1. Fill out the entire attached application form.
2. Write an essay, of a maximum two (2) pages in length, on one of the assigned topics. The essay must be typewritten in 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced with one-inch margins, and on separate paper. Include your name and address in the upper right-hand corner of the essay and staple the essay pages together.
3. Obtain two letters of recommendation. Only one may be from a professor, counselor, or administrator. Neither may be from a relative. All letters must indicate the full name of the candidate he or she is recommending. Applicants should fill out the information for the two referents asked to write letters in the space provided on the application form. If applicant is mailing the application, the letters must be included in the envelope with the application and not mailed separately. If applicant is emailing the application, the referents may email the letters directly to CIWBA.
4. If you are currently in college, law school, or are applying to law school, enclose with the application and essay a school transcript for the most recent term completed. A certified copy of the transcript is not required.
5. Include a current resume.
6. The preferred method of submission is via email to [ciwba@ciwba.org](mailto:ciwba@ciwba.org) with the subject line: CIWBA Scholarship. Applicants may also mail the application in one envelope to:  
  
Central Illinois Women's Bar Association  
Attn: Antonette Palumbo  
2184 Greenbriar Road  
Springfield, IL 62704
7. All applications and letters of recommendation must be postmarked by March 27, 2020, to be considered.
8. CIWBA will notify the scholarship recipient no later than April 13, 2020. The recipient will be invited to the Lay Day luncheon, sponsored by CIWBA, in Springfield, Illinois to receive their scholarship. The recipient does not need to be present at the luncheon to be selected.

**Eligibility:**

1. To apply, you must be:
  - a. A student enrolled in an accredited two- or four-year college or university in the spring semester of 2020, intending to go to law school; OR
  - b. A graduate of a two- or four-year college or university applying to attend an accredited law school, or set to attend an accredited law school in the fall semester of 2020; OR
  - c. A student enrolled in an accredited law school in the spring semester of 2020.

Recipient will be required to provide proof of enrollment for the spring semester of 2020 prior to receipt of the scholarship award.

2. To apply, you must have been a resident of one of the following Illinois counties when you graduated high school:

Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Green, Jersey, Livingston, Logan, Macon, McLean, Menard, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Piatt, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Vermilion, and Woodford.

**Judging:**

The CIWBA Scholarship Program Committee will consider the application materials of all scholarship applicants. The award will be based upon the written essay, school transcript, school and community activities, and letters of recommendation. The CIWBA is looking for an individual with involvement in their community, interest and commitment to the law, and an interest in becoming a full participant in the Central Illinois legal community.

## **APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and County Location of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular/Community Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Graduate or Law School: \_\_\_\_\_

Program (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular/Community Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCES:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ESSAY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic Number: \_\_\_\_\_

---

### *Essay Topics:*

Choose one topic and staple this page to your essay response.

1. Judge Jeanne E. Scott was the first woman to become a Sangamon County Circuit Court judge and the first female appointee to the federal bench in the Central District of Illinois. Describe the specific skills and abilities that you believe female attorneys bring to the legal community and how these skills and abilities benefit the community, including the clients and coworkers of female attorneys, or those practicing before female judges.
2. The Central Illinois Women's Bar Association creates mentorship groups that seek to foster and support the success, sustainability, and full participation of women in the local legal community and beyond through meaningful relationships and networking opportunities. Describe what has inspired you to pursue a career in the legal field and someone that has been an ally and mentor in support of your goal to become an attorney.
3. Describe one aspect of the legal system that you would change and explain why you would change it.