

**TAX SECTION
State Bar of Texas**

Law Students Pursuing Tax Law Scholarship Application

The Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas annually awards up to three \$2,000 scholarships to students demonstrating academic excellence and commitment to the study and practice of tax law. Any student who is enrolled in an ABA accredited law school at the time the application is submitted, and who intends to practice tax law in Texas, is eligible to apply. Thus, persons who have been accepted to law school, but have not yet started classes at the time the application is filed, are ineligible to apply. However, persons who have recently graduated at the time the scholarship is awarded are eligible to apply.

The purpose of this scholarship is to facilitate and encourage students to enter the practice of tax law in Texas, and to become active members of the State Bar of Texas Tax Section, by assisting these students with their financial needs. Selection criteria of the scholarships include: merit, scholarship performance, financial need, and demonstrated experience and interest in the field of tax law. Consideration is also given to extracurricular activities both inside and outside law school, including but not limited to legal externships or internships with state or federal taxing authorities such as the Internal Revenue Service, Office of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, or Texas-based legal aid societies and clinics.

A completed application must be returned by email to Alyson Outenreath at Alyson.Outenreath@ttu.edu.

All information, including supporting documentation such as letters of recommendation and transcripts, must be included in a single submission. Transcripts do not need to be in original or certified form. Please scan all of the documents and attach the scan to an email as a single document in PDF form. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Applications must be time stamped by no later than **Friday, April 14, 2023**. Scholarship recipients will be announced in June.

Please print or type.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ ALTERNATE PHONE: _____

II. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

LAW SCHOOL NAME: _____

GPA (cumulative): _____ EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: _____

CLASS RANK: _____

UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE NAME: _____

DEGREE: _____ MAJOR: _____ GPA: _____ GRADUATION DATE: _____

GRADUATE DEGREES including LL.M. Programs (College, Degree, Date):

Please attach a copy of all college, graduate school (if any), and most recent law school transcripts. If your law school transcript does not include your grades for the most recent closed grading term, please separately provide information on all grades you have received to date and supplement your application with remaining grades as soon as possible after you receive them.

LAW SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND/OR HONORS:

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Responses regarding law school activities and/or honors and community activities may be made in typewritten form of no more than one page in length.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS AND ESSAY

Please attach (1) one or more letters of recommendation and (2) a typewritten essay of no more than two pages in length (double spaced) addressing the following:

- Why you plan to pursue a career in tax law in Texas;
- What are your long-term career goals;
- List of the tax courses you have completed and grade received, and tax courses you are currently taking; and
- Any qualifications that you believe are relevant for your consideration for this scholarship. For example, students may describe relevant research, published articles, clubs, competitions, clinics, community service, job or internship or externship experience.

- (Optional) Any issues of financial need that you would like the Committee to consider.

IV. OPTIONAL WRITING SAMPLE

- The Texas Tax Section encourages applicants to submit an optional writing sample. An additional stipend of up to \$2,000 *may* be awarded, as deemed appropriate, based upon the quality of the writing sample.

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT: By signing below, I certify that all the information provided as part of this application is true and correct. I understand that the Tax Section's Scholarship Selection Committee reserves the right to investigate all information stated in this application.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____