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Scholarships Remain Near \$50,000 in 2007!

Thanks to the generosity of individual donors and major corporate gifts from the Ford Fund and General Motors, the WLAM Foundation's 2007 Awards to Outstanding Women Law Students will again approach \$50,000. Twenty women will receive awards next spring, following a highly competitive application process. In 2006, nearly 100 applicants vied for the awards, which range from \$2,000 to \$3,000 each. The Foundation is assisted by committees at each law school, which devote considerable time and effort to publicizing the awards and screening applications. Each award category has unique application criteria, with leadership and commitment to women's and social issues among them.

Nine of the twenty awards are named for the Foundation itself, and are funded through donations from individuals, law firms and corporations. These "Foundation Scholars" each receive \$2,000.

Ford Motor Company Fund Scholars, one at each law school, each receive a \$3,000 award made to

students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership capabilities. Ford has made this generous commitment for six years running! Dolores Nunez Studier, a Ford attorney, serves on the WLAM Foundation Board.

General Motors Scholars, one at each law school, each receive a \$3,000 award reserved for women law students who have demonstrated leadership and commitment to diversity issues. This is the second year of GM's generous support of Foundation scholarships, guided by the WLAMF Board membership of GM's Sharon Hatchett.

Students apply each year by October 15th, and awardees are chosen by the Foundation Board in January. The 2007 Outstanding Women Law Students will be feted at the Foundation's March 29, 2007, Awards Reception at the St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth, Michigan. More information about the awards and annual reception appears on the Foundation's web page, www.wlamfoundation.org.

Words of Thanks From Prior Awardees

The WLAM Foundation often hears from awardees on the impact of scholarships they have received. Here are excerpts from comments made by 2006 awardees:

In 1958, in his book "A Nation of Immigrants," President John F. Kennedy wrote that "everywhere immigrants have enriched and strengthened the fabric of American life." As an immigrant and as a woman I believe this assertion to be true, and I am committed to continue that legacy and your scholarship motivates me to continue to strive for excellence.

*Raquel A. Salas
Ford Fund Scholar
Michigan State University College of Law*

I was very pleased and honored to receive the award. As you know, when a law student hopes to do public interest work after graduation, finances can be a stumbling block due to the loan burden. This award helps me to reduce that for this year, which is extremely helpful.

*Allison Kent
General Motors Scholar,
University of Michigan Law School*

To be given this honor by lawyers whose work I admire is truly a great feeling. . . . I will use this scholarship wisely and will carry on my studies with

new-found confidence. Thank you so much for this great honor!

*Lena Zwarenstejn
WLAM Scholar
Michigan State University College of Law*

Save the Date: Annual Awards Reception Set for March 29, 2007

Please save the evening of Thursday, March 29, 2007 for the Annual Awards Reception of the WLAM Foundation. This is our time to introduce the 2007 Outstanding Women Law Students, twenty women who will receive nearly \$50,000 in award money in 2007. And, the Reception is also the Foundation's time to recognize and thank the donors who make these awards possible. The setting for the 2007 WLAMF Awards Reception is the St. John's Conference Center, in Plymouth, Michigan, a lovely setting enjoyed by more than 100 attendees of the 2006 Reception.

WLAM Foundation Contributions

Do you know the power of a dollar contributed to the WLAM Foundation? Only pennies (generally, under 10% of money raised) go to administrative costs, and the rest goes directly into projects supporting women's education.

Contributions are made in several forms: fundraising events take place during the year, WLAM members exercise their "dues check-off" option, art prints are available any time, and firms and corporations take part in the annual Dean's List campaign. You can jump in right now through another popular option: use the contribution form in this newsletter to honor a special person or event. Whichever giving choice you make, we'll be sure to acknowledge your contribution here.

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