**NORFOLK and PORTSMOUTH BAR ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION**

# 2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicants must be 2019 graduating high school seniors (or the equivalent for home schooled students), attending college starting in the Fall of 2019, and reside in one of the following cities: Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, or Chesapeake. Family members of the Board of Directors of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association Foundation and family members of the panel of judges for this competition are NOT eligible to participate.

**Applications must be complete and must be RECEIVED no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2019. Prizes will be awarded in 2019 at the annual meeting of the NPBA. Applications that do not include all required attachments (please see the list of items set out below) or that are late will not be considered. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY and FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS.**

Please mail (the Foundation cannot be responsible for delays in the US mail and all documents must be **received** by the deadline) or deliver all **five (5) copies** (one original plus four photocopies of the originals are acceptable) **of each** of the following: your (1) application, (2) essay, (3) transcript, (if it comes in a sealed envelope, you may open the sealed envelope to copy) (4) letter of recommendation, and (5) any information, such as a FAFSA form, to support your claim of financial need. Your transcript, if delivered to you in a sealed envelope, may be opened and copied: The documents should be mailed or delivered to one of the following locations:

Robert H. Powell III Robert H. Powell III Robert H. Powell III

Scholarship Chair Scholarship Chair Scholarship Chair

150 W. Main St., Ste. 2100 Lake Center 1 2101 Parks Ave

Norfolk VA 23510 501 Independence Pkwy, Ste 100 Ste 700

 Chesapeake VA 23320 VA Beach VA 23451

**If you prefer, your completed application, essay, transcript, letter of recommendation, and FAFSA form may be scanned and emailed to:** **rhpowell@kaufcan.com**. If the required materials are emailed, only the original needs to be scanned and sent – just the scanned copies emailed will be sufficient.

**Unless all required documents are emailed, you must submit five (5) copies or sets of each of the following five (5) items** (Why 5 copies? – One for each of 3 judges, one for the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, and one for the NPBA offices)**:**

1. Your completed essay of approximately 500-750 words not includingtitle, footnotes, or bibliography;
2. Your completed and signed Scholarship Application;
3. A letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor at your school;
4. A copy of your most recent school transcript; and
5. Any information you choose to submit that would support your claim, if any, of your financial need. You may use the FAFSA form that can be found at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> or the application for financial assistance you might have submitted with your college application.

***INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED***

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

Full Name­­­:

Home Address:

Telephone Number Where You May Be Easily Reached:

Current High School:

Address of High School:

Guidance Counselor’s Name: Telephone number: Father’s Name: Occupation:

Mother’s Name: Occupation: Number of children in family (including you):

Number of children in college in fall 2019 (including yourself):

In what area of study do you plan to major if known?

List any family members that are attorneys, judges, police officers, or in any way associated with the legal field or law enforcement. **Please note that your connections to members of law enforcement or the legal profession have no bearing on the award of the scholarship as long as you are not related to one of the judges or a member of the Foundation Board**.

***Please answer the following questions. You may attach additional sheets if necessary, but limit your responses to 50 words or less***.

1. List the community activities you have been involved in during high school, and briefly describe the one that has been the most rewarding and why:
2. List the extracurricular activities you have been involved in during high school, and briefly describe which one has been the most rewarding and why. (Include sports, clubs, hobbies, jobs.)
3. What are your interests, if any, in the legal field? Please note that your plans or lack of plans to enter the legal profession have no bearing on the award of the scholarship.
4. List any awards and/or honors you have received while in high school.
5. At this time, what are your career goals after leaving college?
6. Why do you believe you should be awarded this scholarship?

7. If you would like your financial need to be considered in the judging process, please explain that need in detail.

By signing below you release to the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association Foundation (the “Foundation”) all rights in and to your essay and give the Foundation the right to publish your essay and to release to the public the fact that you are one of the scholarship competition winners. You also authorize the Foundation to identify you as a winner and to release information about you including the right to identify your name, the high school you attend, the college you plan on attending, and other biographical information included in the application. **Nothing contained in this release is or shall be deemed to include the right to release any confidential information such as your phone number, your social security number, or information submitted to support a claim of financial need. All of this information will deemed strictly confidential.**

Signature of Applicant: Date:

Signature of a Parent

or Guardian: Date:

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**ESSAY TOPIC FOR 2019 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION**

Almost 40 years after the U. S. Constitution was written at the Philadelphia or Constitutional Convention of 1787, Thomas Jefferson wrote to fellow lawyer Samuel Kercheval on the subject of calling a convention to revise the state’s constitution.  Jefferson stated that a constitution should be revised every 19-20 years.  His timing was based on mortality rates at the time and he reasoned that every generation should be permitted to decide for itself what was best and that each generation should have the right to adapt its government to changing circumstances instead of being ruled by the past.  Here’s a link to the entire Jefferson letter to Kercheval:  http://www.let.rug.nl/usa/presidents/thomas-jefferson/letters-of-thomas-jefferson/jefl246.php.

Do you agree with Jefferson that the U. S. Constitution should be rewritten.  If so, what would be the first thing you would change and why?  If not, why not and what is it that you like most about the U. S. Constitution?