

BALFOUR PHI DELTA PHI MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

In September 1997, the Phi Delta Phi Legal Institute, the research and educational arm of the International Legal Fraternity of Phi Delta Phi, launched a new minority scholarship program – **THE BALFOUR PHI DELTA PHI MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND** – funded by a \$100,000 grant from the Lloyd G. Balfour Foundation, administered by the Fleet Investment Service of Boston, Massachusetts.

One of the purposes of the Lloyd G. Balfour Foundation is to make higher education more available to urban, minority youth, by providing scholarship assistance. The Foundation is especially interested in minority education projects affecting New England, and Massachusetts in particular.

The Phi Delta Phi Legal Institute, in its grant application, stated that the new Minority Scholarship Program to be administered by the Institute is to encourage minority law students to return to the inner cities of the country to engage in the practice of law and, while doing so, to serve as role models for urban, minority youth. In selecting the minority scholarship winners, those applicants from the New England states, if otherwise qualified, will be given priority status.

In announcing the grant, and an additional grant of \$50,000 to be applied to the on-going Balfour Scholarship Fund, the distribution committee of the Lloyd G. Balfour Foundation stated –

“The Committee was very impressed with your ongoing programs and your effort to expand programming to benefit the minority community. We wish you continued success.”

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BALFOUR PHI DELTA PHI MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2006 GUIDELINES

1. Interest income from the Balfour Phi Delta Phi Minority Scholarship Fund will provide one three thousand dollar grant this academic year.
2. ***Prior winners of Balfour Scholarship Fund Scholarships are precluded from entering this competition.***
3. The racial or ethnic makeup of the term “minority” – as classified by the Federal Government – includes Black, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian/Pacific Islander and Hispanics.

Applicants may include Blacks, American Indians/Alaskan Natives, Asian/Pacific Islanders, Americans and Hispanic Americans, who have been members of Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity ***for a minimum of one year*** (initiated on or before October 23, 2005) and have participated in Fraternity programs and activities; who are entering their final year of law school; and who affirm that their present intent is to practice law in the inner-cities of the United States, and New England in particular.

The recipients of the minority scholarships will be determined by the Fraternity’s Court of Appeals based upon service to the Fraternity, scholastic merit and individual essay, not to exceed 750 words, stating why they believe themselves qualified to serve as role models for minority youth.

4. Each Inn will submit two copies of the application form BSA-I for each Inn nominee to ***INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS*** on or before ***October 23, 2006***. A brief biographical sketch shall accompany every entry.
5. Each Inn may select up to three candidates. Selection procedures shall be consistent with the general Balfour Minority Scholarship objectives stated above and shall be incorporated into the Inn Bylaws prior to candidate selection. The Dean of the law school shall certify the good academic and class standing of each Inn’s candidates. (If not possible, an explanation of why not is necessary). ***Failure to do so will automatically disqualify an applicant.***
6. International Headquarters will duplicate and distribute application forms to the Selection Committee. ***There is no requirement that there be any scholarship winners in a given year.***
7. Candidates and Inns will be notified of scholarship winners and checks mailed to winners on or before January 31, 2007.
8. The names of scholarship winners will be announced on the Phi Delta Phi Web Site www.phideltaphi.org.