

**Essex County Bar Association
Announces
The Biunno Scholarship for Law Students with Disabilities**

Criteria:

- 1) Recipient must demonstrate a present and permanent physical or mental disability that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual. Medical documentation establishing the nature and extent of the disability will be required.
- 2) Recipient must be a resident of New Jersey. There will be a preference given to Essex County residents.
- 3) Recipient must be attending law school or be accepted to and commencing studies in law school.
- 4) Recipient must have attained a 3.0 or equivalent GPA in law school, or if they are an incoming student, a 3.0 undergraduate GPA.
- 5) A preference will be given to a person seeking to pursue a career in the field of advocacy for persons with disabilities. Intent may be demonstrated by completing a course in disability law, work in a disability or disability-related clinic or prior job experience in an advocacy field or with a public interest organization.
- 6) A preference will be given to students who can demonstrate financial need.

Restrictions:

- 1) No scholarship awards will be given directly to students. The funds must be directed to a third party such as the law school for tuition or to a company providing equipment for the disabled student.

Requirements:

Scholarship application packages can be obtained by contacting the Executive Director at ECBA Headquarters. Completed applications must be submitted with all requested documentation no later than **Friday, May 12th, 2006**.

Award decisions will be made by the Biunno family working in conjunction with the ECBA's Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

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APPLICATION FOR THE BIUNNO SCHOLARSHIP
2006-2007

Application and documentation must be received by

May 12th, 2006

(Feel free to attach additional sheets if necessary to respond completely and accurately)

Name of applicant: _____

Current mailing address: _____

Permanent home address: _____

Length of time at home address _____ If less than 3 yrs, please list your previous address: _____

Date of birth ____/____/____ Place of birth: _____

Citizenship: _____ # of years _____

Spouse's occupation: _____

Number of years in occupation _____

Law school you are currently attending _____

Address of Law School _____

Student Identification Number _____

Anticipated graduation date: _____

Application for the Biunno Scholarship 2006-2007

Applicant's name: _____

Please describe the nature and extent of your ties to New Jersey and/or Essex County:

List all colleges and graduate schools attended, dates of attendance and degrees awarded:

List any financial aid for 2006-2007 that you have applied for or received and if pending, when you expect to be advised:

List all actual and anticipated employment from 2004 through 2007: Include employer's name and address, a brief description of duties and responsibilities, and salary:

List college, law school and community activities and please include any positions you have held:

List any honors or awards received and list any honor societies to which you have belonged since high school graduation:

Please describe the nature and extent of your disability including the date of onset:

Please describe the purpose(s) to which you would put the scholarship funds, if awarded to you, bearing in mind that the funds must be paid to a third party. (Examples: to XYZ Medical Device Co. for a particular device or piece of equipment to assist you; the XYZ Law School directly for tuition:

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IMPORTANT

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION

1. Most recent law school transcript. (If you are a first year student, please provide first semester grades.)
2. Standing in your law school class.
3. Completed Graduate and Professional School Financial and Service form. This may be obtained from your school financial aid office.
4. Law school aptitude test score and final college cumulative average.
5. Resume
6. Invoices or any other documentation you can provide that describes what you will use the scholarship funds for, if it is other than tuition.
7. Medical documentation establishing the nature and extent of your disability. This may be in the form of a letter, medical records, or other similar evidence.

NO AWARD WILL BE MADE WITHOUT THE SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION OR RECORDS, AS REQUESTED. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH APPLICANT TO ENSURE THAT APPLICATIONS AND NECESSARY DOCUMENTS ARE RECEIVED BY THE ESSEX COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION. IF THE APPLICANT DESIRES AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT, PLEASE REQUEST IT IN THE COVER LETTER TRANSMITTING YOUR APPLICATION.