



Marquita D. Christy Memorial Scholarship Award

Guidelines

MARQ My Words Foundation, one of Louisiana's newest educational nonprofits, announces the ***Marquita D. Christy Memorial Scholarship Award***. Under the Program, one (1) \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a 2L or 3L law student currently enrolled at Southern University Law Center of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where Marquita D. Christy received posthumous juris doctoral degree in May 2018. Relatives of Southern University employees are not eligible to apply.

Purpose

The purpose of the ***MARQ My Words Foundation*** is to advocate higher education, knowledge of legal rights, and health and mental wellness in the African American community through scholarship and community enrichment programs. This scholarship has been established to honor Marquita D. Christy and individuals who have made outstanding positive contributions within their community and to broadly support aspiring law school graduates seeking assistance to fund both educational and personal needs required to complete course of study.

Awards

One (1) scholarship award will be available in the amount of \$500 annually each Fall Semester. Awards are for one year only, but recipients may re-apply for a second year. All scholarship awards will be paid directly to the recipients.

Eligibility

1. Applicants must be currently enrolled as 2L or 3L students attending Southern University Law Center of Baton Rouge, LA.
2. Applicants must provide proof of being active in two (2) or more organizations.
3. Applicants must be US citizens.
4. Applicants must be currently employed: part-time or full-time.

The ***Marquita D. Christy Memorial Scholarship*** is awarded without regard to race, sex, religion, age, national origin or sexual orientation. The MARQ My Words Foundation will not award scholarships to applicants who are not qualified and reserves the right not to award a scholarship in a given year.

Selection Criteria

1. Demonstrated community service and positive engagement regarding (voter registration/legal rights/activism/leadership roles) in their community, i.e. school/state/country.
2. Completed Two Page Essay
3. Letter(s) of recommendation
4. Academic standing (minimum required cumulative GPA of 3.0).

Application Requirements

To be considered for the ***Marquita D. Christy Memorial Scholarship***, applicants must complete an official application and return it to Southern University Law Center. The application must include:

1. Completed application forms. *Only completed application forms will be considered.*
2. Completed resume
3. One letter of recommendation from a teacher or school official at the college level or industry related professional.
4. An official college transcript for the last two years including cumulative GPA.
5. A two page (> 1000 words) essay. Maximum word count 1,500*

All four of the above items must be submitted before the application will be considered.

Submission of Application Form

A downloadable pdf application form is available online, www.marqmywords.org/scholarship. Fill it out completely electronically, then "Save a Copy". Note that the application requires a signature. You may provide an electronic signature, or print out the completed application, sign it and scan it as a pdf.

Must email full application to ***MARQ My Words Foundation***

AND

Must submit printed application to SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER



Application submission opens First Day of Classes: **August 13, 2019.**

Email one copy of a completed typed application package to:

Mail one copy of a completed typed application package to:

(This includes application with signature, essay, letter(s) of recommendation, resume, and school transcript.)

marqmywordsfoundation@gmail.com

Southern University Law Center

A.A. Lenoir Hall

c/o MARQ My Words Foundation.

Roosevelt Steptoe Drive

Baton Rouge, LA - 70813

The applications will be reviewed, and recipients will be selected by the founders of the MARQ My Words Foundation and the family of Marquita D. Christy. Applications may be downloaded from the Berkshire Bank Foundation website at www.marqmywords.org/scholarship

Please submit any questions to: marqmywordsfoundation@gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2019

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| Please print your answers. | | | |
| 1. | Last Name: | | First Name: |
| 2. | Mailing Address Street: City: State: Zip: | | |
| 3. | Daytime Telephone Number: () Email Address: | | |
| 4. | Date of Birth: | Month Day Year | Gender: |
| 5. | Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent school transcript is required. | | |
| 6. | Are you the first person in your family to go to college: YES ____ NO ____ | | |
| 7. | Have you ever been accused or charged for any crime(s): YES ____ NO ____ If yes, explain: | | |
| 8. | (If your resume or activities sheet answers question 8, please attach and skip to Question 9.) A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities in order of year involved: B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities: C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community: | | |
| 9. | Are you related to an employee(s) of Southern University A&M or Southern University Law Center (SULC)? Yes _____ No _____ | | |
| | A. | His/her full name: | |
| | B. | Job Title: | C. Department: |



10. On a separate sheet please write an essay answering each below: (1,000 words/ Times New Roman 11pt / single space / 1in. margin)

- A) Describe yourself and how community service or organizational involvement has shaped who you are today and what leadership skills it has taught you. Also, discuss any challenges or adversities you have dealt with in life and/or in school. Explain how overcoming them will help you succeed in your career and beyond.
- B) Explain in what guided you to study law and a detailed plan of action or project you wish you wish to implement after graduation/bar exam that will be a positive impact to the community?
- C) Discuss your thoughts on the justice system and the impact it has on the African American community. How can it be improved and what roles have you played and/or will play to seek those changes after graduation?

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote **MARQ My Words Foundation**. (Winner may waive photo due to any unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according **MARQ My Words Foundation** scholarship policy, I must be present at any potential awards ceremony, surprise, or reception to receive my scholarship award.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to **MARQ My Words Foundation** scholarship policy, it is my responsibility to remit to the foundation the appropriate information for my scholarship to be paid directly to myself and/or the financial institution or bank of my choosing.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Checklist

- ___ Completed Application
- ___ Essay
- ___ Resume
- ___ Letter(s) of Recommendation
- ___ School Transcript (last two years)

MAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO:

**Southern University Law Center; Main Office; c/o MARQ My Words Foundation
Roosevelt Steptoe Drive, Baton Rouge, LA – 70813**

EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE TO:

**MARQ My Words Foundation
Subject: 2019 Scholarship Application _ [FULL NAME]**

REMINDER:

**The deadline for this application to be received is: 2nd Friday of November
NOVEMBER 8, 2019, 4:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS!
Winner will be announced by the last day of classes before Thanksgiving Break.
NOVEMBER 26, 2019**