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Sarah T. Hughes Scholarship Application

The Sarah T. Hughes Scholarship is granted by the Dallas Bar Foundation to enable talented law students to obtain a legal education in our community with the purpose of expanding access and opportunity for individuals whose experiences and perspectives are not widely represented in the legal community of North Texas. The Scholarship supports students whose journeys to law school reflect determination, resilience, and a strong sense of purpose by overcoming barriers or difficult paths in pursuing higher education. The Dallas Bar Foundation encourages applicants who are first in their families to attend college; have entered law school after pursuing other careers or who balance work, family, or military service while pursuing their legal education. Financial need is considered.

Incoming 1L students attending SMU Dedman School of Law are eligible to apply. The selection of the recipient is made by the Dallas Bar Foundation. The scholarship is renewed if the student remains in good academic standing.

Judge Sarah T. Hughes devoted herself to improving the rights of others for more than half a century. She served in the Texas Legislature from 1930 to 1934 and was the first woman to become a State District Judge in Texas. Judge Hughes was appointed as a United States District Judge in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy and served until her retirement at the age of 85. Judge Hughes gained national recognition when she swore in Lyndon Baines Johnson as President of the United States. Judge Hughes often remarked on a simple yet powerful life philosophy: "Pick out your goal and then use determination and courage to reach it." This spirit continues to guide the scholarship and its recipients today.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

1. *Answer all items completely and sign the application.*
2. *Submit a 500 word essay describing your journey to law school and how you overcame barriers or lack of resources in pursuit of higher education.*
3. *Law School Grade Transcript and Undergraduate transcript.*
4. *Send completed scholarship application, essay, and resume to:*

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5. *If you like, you may also include a personal statement describing what impact the Sarah T. Hughes Scholarship will have on your educational and career goals. No more than 500 words.*

The application must be received by **February 13, 2026.**



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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State / Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State / Zip: _____

e-mail address: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Place of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Sex: _____ Marital Status: _____

Are you a citizen of the United States? _____

LSAT Score: _____ Date LSAT Taken: _____

High School Education: _____ City / State: _____

Additional languages (fluent) _____

List chronologically, all colleges attended:

Name of College / University	Dates Attended	Major	Degree Obtained/ To Be Obtained	Graduation Date/ Pending Date
_____	_____ to _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____ to _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____ to _____	_____	_____	_____

Overall undergraduate GPA: _____ on a _____ point scale Rank in Class _____ of _____

Honors Achieved / Honor Societies: (May use additional pages, as needed, or include on resume)

Volunteer Activities/ Community Service/ Accomplishments/ Offices Held: (May use additional pages, as needed, or include on resume)
Please be specific on what you accomplished with your volunteer and community service actions.

Significant Work Experience: (May use additional pages, as needed, or include on resume)

Father's Occupation/Business Name/Title: _____

Mother's Occupation/Business Name/Title: _____

Sources of financing law school education and amount:

Parents: _____ Spouse: _____ Financial Aid: _____ Student Loans: _____

Amount of government assistance or any other financial aid (ie, Pell Grant) and amount you received during your undergraduate or graduate studies including Veteran's benefits:

Where do you plan to practice upon graduation from SMU Dedman School of Law?

Full time student _____ Part Time student _____

I hereby authorize SMU Dedman College of Law to release all materials in my law school application file to the Dallas Bar Foundation.

I certify that the information provided is true and complete. I understand that any false, misleading or incomplete information may be grounds for termination of any scholarship awarded.

Signature

Date

Send Scholarship Application to:

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