

**SAMFORD UNIVERSITY
CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW
2009-2010 NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

****PLEASE READ CAREFULLY****

**RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE
ADMISSIONS OFFICE, ROOM 132, BY APRIL 1, 2009**

Our law school has limited scholarship funds. Resources for scholarships come from endowment income, alumni contributions, and general school revenues. Need-based awards are made following a review of all applications and are based primarily on the expected family contribution (EFC) as computed from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). **Priority is given to applicants with an EFC of zero.**

Awards are made to further the goals of retaining an outstanding student body, rewarding outstanding performance, and supporting students in need of assistance.

Awards will be evenly disbursed between fall and spring semesters of the 2009-2010 academic year and specifically support students' studies here at Cumberland School of Law.

Students needing scholarship assistance are invited to apply. Please read the following instructions and guidelines before completing the Need-Based Scholarship Application.

1. Need scholarships will be based on information provided on this application and the 2009-2010 FAFSA. **Only those students who have processed the FAFSA for the 2009-2010 academic year in a timely manner can be considered for need scholarships. Samford University's Office of Financial Aid (OFA) must have electronically received your processed FAFSA information from the Department of Education by April 1, 2009.** If Samford's OFA does not receive your processed FAFSA by that date, your application will not be considered. (Note: Please allow three to four weeks for your FAFSA to be processed.)
2. In most cases, these scholarships are one-time awards, and applications must be submitted each year. Exceptions will be noted in the award letter.
3. The total amount of all scholarship assistance (merit, leadership, need, and peer) cannot exceed the cost of tuition. **If you are receiving any merit scholarship assistance from the law school for the 2009-2010 academic year, you are ineligible to apply.**
4. **For students receiving federally guaranteed loans, your total assistance, from all sources (including need scholarships), cannot exceed the budget established by the University. If this happens, you will need to consult with a Financial Aid representative.**

5. **The prerequisites for consideration are:**
- a) **Must be in academic good standing**
 - b) **Must have no Cumberland School of Law honor code violations**
 - c) **Must have no Samford University values violations**
 - d) **Must have no law school merit scholarship assistance**
 - e) **Must have process 2009-2010 FAFSA and submitted Need-Based Application by April 1, 2009**
6. Submission of an application does not ensure the applicant of financial assistance.

PLEASE KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR RECORDS.

6. Law School Honors and/or Extracurricular activities:

7. Martial Status _____ Number of Dependent Children _____

8. Anticipated income and benefits for next year:

- a. Are you employed? _____ Yes _____ No
Employer _____
Net Monthly Income \$ _____
- b. If not employed, do you plan to work next semester? _____ Yes _____ No
Anticipated Monthly Income \$ _____
- c. Spouse's Occupation _____
Net Monthly Income \$ _____
- d. Financial Assistance Expected from Parents or Other Relatives \$ _____
- e. Income/Assistance from Other Sources
Source _____ \$ _____
- f. TOTAL ALL SUMS in a, b, c, d, and e Total \$ _____

9. Monthly Debt:

Rent or House Payment: \$ _____
Car Payment: \$ _____ Car Make/Model: _____
Other (specify): _____ \$ _____
Credit Card Balance(s) in total: _____

10. Student Loans: *(include undergraduate and other graduate loans in your calculation)*

- a. Federal Stafford Loans to date \$ _____
 - b. Federal GradPLUS Loans to date \$ _____
 - c. Private Loans to date \$ _____
- TOTAL ALL SUMS in a, b, and c \$ _____

In order to be considered for a need-based scholarship/grant, the Financial Aid Office must have electronically received you processed FAFSA information for the applicable award year by April 1, 2009. On your FAFSA, be sure to indicate that you want your data released to Samford University (Title IV code 001036).

Need-Based Scholarship Certification

I certify that I have read and understood the Need-Based Scholarship Application Instructions, prerequisites and deadlines. I further certify that I understand that the expected family contribution (EFC) calculated from my updated Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the most important criterion used by the Scholarship Committee in the selection process. I understand that applicants with an EFC of zero are among the most competitive for need-based scholarships and that the submission of this need-based scholarship application does not guarantee me a need-based scholarship award. I further certify that the information I have submitted is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature _____ Date _____

NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE, ROOM 132, BY APRIL 1, 2009.

<p>FINANCIAL AID OFFICE USE ONLY:</p> <p>EFC _____</p> <p>DATE PROCESSED _____</p>
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