



AWARDS BOOKLET 2009

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APPLICATIONS DUE MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009

FOREWORD

**The 2009 Award Ceremony will take place
Thursday, April 9, 2009 from 5 pm - 7:30 pm
at the
Carbondale Civic Center**

This booklet contains information regarding:

- a) Awards and scholarships for 1Ls and 2Ls for which you must apply
- b) Awards, prizes and other honors for 3Ls for which you must apply or be nominated

Please note carefully the selection criteria listed for each award, honor, or scholarship noted here. You must specify how you meet the criteria for each particular award or scholarship. If you fail to so specify, the Committee cannot consider your application.

Note that some awards are given by donors outside the law school who determine whether or not an award is available this year. Monetary amounts may vary from year to year. This booklet contains our best **current** information.

For most of the scholarships and awards for 1Ls and 2Ls, you must be in attendance in FY 2009-2010. The awards will be applied to your Bursar's account.

For 3Ls, note especially the Monroe writing award for which you may apply and the Lincoln's Inn for which you may nominate yourself or others. Note that the Lincoln's Inn award requires a separate form. Most of these awards are administered by the Awards Committee.

Regardless of who selects, there is one process - complete the general application form or the Lincoln's Inn form. Submit by Monday, March 2, 2009. Late applications will not be considered, but any required letters of recommendation will be accepted through March 7.

Professor Cindy Buys
Chair, Awards Committee

Tips and Reminders About These Awards

- Most awards do not require high class rank - only good standing (i.e., not on academic probation nor the subject of an ethics charge).
- Many awards have special qualifications - tell us how you meet them.
- **There is just one form to complete for all awards except the Arthur Beneventi and The Lincoln's Inn.** Those forms are posted on the SIU Law website under "Student Life".
- The Monroe Writing Award requires that you submit the writing that you think is deserving of the award.
- The Richman Endowed Scholarship requires an essay and letters of recommendation because that is what the donor wants - it is a generous scholarship, so it's worth the time.
- Except as above, there is no need to attach resumes, letters of recommendation, or anything else. Just complete the form. **Write on front side only** - we have to make numerous copies for the reviewers.
- To tell us *which awards you are applying for*; check off the boxes and tell us how you meet the criteria.

This Awards Booklet describes the criteria for each award. It is available at <http://www.law.siu.edu>. It is listed under the "Student Life" section. Read the foreword of the Booklet again. Most awards are given in the Fall of 2009 and are applied to the recipient's Bursar's account. Funds from all other awards will be sent to the student's Bursar's account. After any amount owed the university is applied against your account, you will receive a check for the balance.

If you receive an award, please thank the donor. Provide us with a copy of your thank you letter for our files.

Some of those recognized at the Award ceremony are those students who have been nominated for an outside award. This means that a group outside of the School of Law will select the final recipient. You should apply for nomination for these awards as they often carry a large (more than \$1,000) cash value.

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**MORE SCHOLARSHIPS MAY BECOME AVAILABLE BEFORE MARCH 1, 2009
AND WILL BE POSTED TO THIS WEBSITE, THE CAREER SERVICES
NEWSLETTER AND BULLETIN BOARDS. BE SURE AND CHECK BEFORE
YOUR FINAL SUBMISSIONS.**

Full descriptions of each award are given on the following pages

SIU School of Law Alumni Association Scholarship (2 awards of \$500)(1L in good standing).

Arthur Lockwood Beneventi Law Scholarship NOMINATION (1L, 2L, 3L) One time preferred amount \$2000 Scholarship, either enrolled in or attends an accredited law school and has a minimum GPA of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale. Recipients may reapply each year. **Separate application required. See website www.law.siu.edu under the “student life” section.**

Pat Caporale Scholarship Fund (\$1000)(1L, 2L, 3L) Any student in good academic standing enrolled at the SIU School of Law as selected by the Selection Committee using the criteria set forth herein. Preference should be given to an eligible recipient who has "made a positive impact on student life at the SIU School of Law."

Al H. and James A. Chesser Endowed Scholarship (\$5000)(1L or 2L who meets the criteria).

Class of 1999/ RSD Memorial Scholarship for Sean McBrien Dempsey Endowment Fund (\$500.)

Bessie Engram Community Service Award (\$1000)(community service).

Judge Foreman Scholarship(\$250)(1L, 2L, 3L) Preference given to an eligible recipient that a) is from or has significant ties to any of the counties comprising the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, and b) has outstanding academic credentials.

August L. “Gus” Fowler Scholarship (\$1000)(student from Marion, IL or Williamson County with financial need.)

Lisa Franke Scholarship Fund (\$3500)A student enrolled in the JD/MSW dual degree program or participating in the School of Law’s Domestic Violence Clinic. Preference should be given to an eligible recipient that is 1) female or 2) a member of the Women’s Law Caucus.

Gilbert Family Memorial Scholarship (\$900)(2L’s from Counties in the Southern District of Illinois with financial need and service to school).

Harold W. “Hank” Hannah Ag Law Scholarship (\$300)(majored in Ag or related field).

Health Law Contribution Award (\$100)(2L or 3L with interest in Health Law).

Charles M. Hudson Award for Excellence in Intellectual Property Law (Patent Bar Cost reimbursement).

Jackson County Bar Association (\$1500)(1L, 2L, 3L, member of Jackson County Bar, and fulfills criteria).

Lowell H. Jacobson Scholarship Nominee Competition (nomination of 2L-- high scholastic ability).

David C. Johnson Scholarship (\$1000)(1L or 2L in good standing).

Lincoln's Inn (honorary society for 3Ls with leadership and service to school and profession). **Separate application required. See website www.law.siu.edu under the "student life" section.**

Madison County Bar Association Scholarship (\$1000)(1L or 2L from Madison County IL with financial need and interest in serving underprivileged.)

Joan Dawley and John Maher Scholarship(\$300)(1L, 2L, 3L) Student must be in good academic standing, enrolled at the SIU School of Law. Preference given to eligible recipient that exhibits professionalism, demand for excellence, compassion for others, graciousness, and a commitment to cosmopolitanism and diversity.

Michelle Miller Class of 2005 Award(\$500)(1L, 2L, 3L) Student with a background in health care who intends to practice health law in the future. The student should have a record of exceptional community service while in law school.

Judge Richard Mills Scholarship (\$250)(1L, 2L, 3L) Preference should be given to an eligible recipient that a) is from or has significant ties to any of the counties comprising the U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois, and b) has outstanding academic credentials.

James O. Monroe, Jr. Writing Award (writing)(3L)(\$150)The Judge James O. Monroe, Jr. Award is to be awarded to a SIU third-year law student who shall have demonstrated excellence in writing or research programs which are a part of his/her law school studies.

National Association of Women Lawyers Award (3L membership nomination).

Scott H. Nichols Memorial Endowed Scholarship (\$500)(1L or 2L with financial need).

Ronald E. Osman Endowed Scholarship (\$1000)(1L, 2L, or 3L who meets criteria).

SIU School of Law Public Interest Award (certificate honor students engaged in public service).

Judge Richard E. Richman Ethics Scholarship (\$1000)(student enrolled in Ethics who intends to practice in Southern Illinois and demonstrates service to school).

Judge Richard E. Richman Endowed Scholarship (\$6000)(2L with certain personal and professional characteristics).

Donny J. Schmeder Scholarship (\$400)(1L or 2L student from Southern Illinois studying specific areas).

SIU Law Student Bar Association 2009 Service Award (\$250)(1L, 2L, 3L student. Criterion is service to the school) 3 scholarships for current students and 1 scholarship to incoming student with criterion of service to the community).

Women's Bar Foundation Scholarship (2 nominees, both 2L students; Women's Bar Foundation selects winner).

Women's Bar Foundation Public Interest Scholarship (nomination of a 2L student; Women's Bar Foundation selects one winner from all Illinois law schools).

Edgar O. & Bonnie Zimmer Law Scholarship (3 awards of \$2000)(2L student from Southern Illinois).

SIU School of Law Alumni Association Scholarship (2 awards of \$500)

Open to: present 1L

The SIU School of Law Alumni Association Scholarship recipient:

1. Must be a first year law student in good standing;
2. Must not be the subject of an ethics/honor code complaint or violation;
3. Must demonstrate some financial need;
4. Must not be scheduled to receive another award;
5. Must demonstrate some professional demeanor;
6. Should participate in some student or community activities; **and**
7. Academic achievement should **not** be considered.

The Awards Committee will screen all applicants and prepare a ballot of qualified applicants for all first-year students to vote on. The top vote-getter(s) will be the recipient(s), depending on the number of scholarships available.

This scholarship will be applied to the recipient's Bursar Account in 2009-2010.

Arthur Lockwood Beneventi Law Scholarship NOMINATION

Open to 1L, 2L, 3L

One time preferred amount \$2,000 Scholarship nomination, to a student either enrolled in or attending an accredited law school and has a minimum GPA of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale. Recipients may reapply each year. **Application deadline 3/2/08.** SIU student Matt Gran was the 2008 National Winner. **Separate application required. See website www.law.siu.edu under the "student life" section**

Pat Caporale Scholarship (\$1000)

Open to 1L, 2L, 3L

Scholarship will be open to all applicants with the following qualifications, regardless of race or ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or marital status, national origin, disability, age or veteran status in accordance with the SIUC Affirmative Action Policy:

- 1) Any student in good academic standing enrolled at the SIU School of Law as selected by the Selection Committee using the criteria set forth herein.
- 2) Preference should be given to an eligible recipient who has "made a positive impact on student life at the SIU School of Law."

Al H. and James A. Chesser Endowed Scholarship (\$5000)

Open to present 1L or 2L

The award criteria are, in the following order, a law student who

a) is or who has a parent, guardian, grandparent, aunt or uncle, who is a member of the United Transportation Union or its successor labor organization;

OR

b) is or who has a parent, guardian, grandparent, aunt or uncle, who is a member of any AFL-CIO affiliated labor organization.

The student must demonstrate through academic study, community service, or essay that he or she is cognizant of the ethical issues confronting those in the practice of law and intends to pursue high ethical standards.

This scholarship will be applied to the recipient's Bursar Account in 2009-2010.

Class of 1999/RSD Memorial Scholarship for Sean McBrian Dempsey Endowment Fund (\$500)

Open to present 1L, 2L, or 3L

This scholarship is awarded to a student in good academic standing who is currently working to afford law school and can demonstrate financial need. Preference is given to a student who has provided service to the community and humanity

Bessie Engram Community Service Award (\$1000)

Open to present 1L, 2L, or 3L

The Bessie Engram Community Service Award is to be awarded to a Southern Illinois University law student (first, second or third year) who has volunteered the most time in helping local citizens of Southern Illinois while in law school. Financial need of the recipient is preferred, but not mandatory.

This scholarship will be applied to the recipient's Bursar Account in 2009-2010.

Judge James Foreman Scholarship (\$250)

Scholarship will be open to all applicants with the following qualifications, regardless of race or ethnicity, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation or marital status, national origin, disability, age or veteran status in accordance with the SIUC Affirmative Action Policy. 1) An incoming first-year student in good academic standing. Scholarship may also be designated for a second- or third-year law student in good academic standing at the SIU School of Law. 2) Preference should be given to an eligible recipient that a) is from or has significant ties to any of the counties comprising the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, and b) has outstanding academic credentials.

August L. “Gus” Fowler Scholarship (\$1000)

Open to 1L, 2L

Preference for this award shall be given to a student with financial need from Marion, Illinois. If there is no student from Marion, then the award shall go to a student with financial need from Williamson County, Illinois, or if there is none, a student with financial need from the Southern District of Illinois.

Lisa Frank Scholarship (\$3500)

The Lisa Franke Scholarship will be open to all applicants with the following qualifications, regardless of race or ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or marital status, national origin, disability, age or veteran status in accordance with the SIUC Affirmative Action Policy:

1. A student enrolled in the JD/MSW dual degree program or participating in the School of Law’s Domestic Violence Clinic.
2. Preference should be given to an eligible recipient that is 1) female or 2) a member of the Women’s Law Caucus.

The scholarship may also be designated for a student who exhibits the following characteristics: endless enthusiasm, an outgoing personality, strong leadership ability, a commitment to civic and charitable causes, and the ability to motivate others to become involved in important causes.

Gilbert Family Memorial Scholarship (\$900)

Open to 2L

The Gilbert Family Memorial Scholarship is to be awarded to a Southern Illinois University law student. Preference is to be given to fourth-semester students in the top 50% of the class after three semesters from the southern part of Illinois (Springfield and south) who can show economic need and evidence of service to the School of Law while a law student.

This scholarship will be applied to the recipient's Bursar Account in 2009-2010.

Harold W. "Hank" Hannah Ag Law Scholarship (\$300)

Open to 1L, 2L, 3L

This scholarship is given to a student who majored in Agriculture (or a related field) in their undergraduate college work and who has expressed an interest in practicing agriculture law (or a related field or occupation) after graduation from law school. Preference will be given to students who majored in agriculture at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Health Law Contribution Award (\$100)

Open to 2L & 3L

This scholarship is given to a student who has demonstrated an interest in health law.

Charles M. Hudson Award for Excellence in Intellectual Property Law (Cost of patent bar reimbursement)

Open to 1L, 2L & 3L

This scholarship is awarded to a student who has taken and passed the Patent Bar exam.

Jackson County Bar Association Scholarship (\$1500)

Open to 1L, 2L & 3L.

This scholarship is awarded to a SIU Law Student who is a member of the Jackson County Bar, is in the top 50% of his or her class, has participated in volunteer work in Jackson County, which may include participation in the clinical programs at the law school, and intends to remain in Jackson County to practice law. Short essay required.

Lowell H. Jacobson Scholarship Competition (Nomination)

Open to present 2L

(We are relying on the past practice of the Seventh Circuit in announcing this award.) This award is given to a law student in the federal Seventh Circuit. Each law school is entitled to nominate one person as the possible recipient. The student must be in his/her third year in the 2009-2010 school year and “should have demonstrated legal ability and achievement in [his/her] law school, including high scholastic standing and either legal writing or extracurricular activities such as law review or other journal, moot court clinical program, etc. The nominee should be in need of the scholarship to complete law school. Our typical Scholarship Award recipients have exemplified personal commitment and sacrifice to pursue their legal careers.”

The SIU nominee will compete with students nominated from other law schools within the Seventh Circuit. If awarded to our nominee, the scholarship will arrive in the summer or fall of 2009.

David C. Johnson Scholarship ((\$1000)

Open to present 1L or 2L

The David C. Johnson Scholarship is to be awarded to a Southern Illinois University law student in good academic standing. The recipient must be a first generation college student, i.e., from a family where neither parent received a degree from an accredited four year college or university. This scholarship will be applied to the recipient’s Bursar Account in 2009-2010.

Lincoln’s Inn (Certificate Only)

Open to 3L

Outstanding leadership and service to the law school and with the expectation of continued leadership and service to the law school and the legal profession. Students should be in the top 80% of the class, but lower rank is not an automatic disqualification. The Committee is to select no more than 8% of the students in the Senior class for this honor. **Separate application required. See website www.law.siu.edu under the “student life” section.**

Madison County Bar Association Scholarship (\$1000)

Open to 1L or 2L

The recipient of this scholarship must be a resident of Madison County, Illinois, who demonstrates financial need, and expresses an interest in providing legal service to the underprivileged.

Joan Dawley and John Maher Scholarship (\$300)

Open to all applicants with the following qualifications, regardless of race or ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or marital status, national origin, disability, age or veteran status in accordance with the SIUC Affirmative Action Policy: 1) Any student in good academic standing enrolled at the SIU School of Law as selected by the Selection Committee using the criteria set forth herein. 2) Preference should be given to an eligible recipient that exhibits professionalism, demand for excellence, compassion for others, graciousness, and a commitment to cosmopolitanism and diversity.

Michelle Miller Class of 2005 Award (\$500)

Open to 1L, 2L, 3L

This scholarship is awarded to a student with a background in health care who intends to practice health law in the future. The student should have a record of exceptional community service while in law school.

Judge Richard Mills Scholarship (\$250)

Scholarship will be open to all applicants with the following qualifications, regardless of race or ethnicity, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation or marital status, national origin, disability, age or veteran status in accordance with the SIUC Affirmative Action Policy. 1) An incoming first-year student in good academic standing. Scholarship may also be designated for a second- or third-year law student in good academic standing at the SIU School of Law. 2) Preference should be given to an eligible recipient that a) is from or has significant ties to any of the counties comprising the U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois, and b) has outstanding academic credentials.

Judge James O. Monroe, Jr. Award (\$150)

Open to present 3L

The Judge James O. Monroe, Jr. Award is to be awarded to a Southern Illinois University third-year law student who shall have demonstrated excellence in writing or research programs which are a part of his/her law school studies.

This award will be made in Spring, 2009.

National Association of Women Lawyers Award (NAWL Membership)

Open to present 3L

The National Association of Women Lawyers Award is to be awarded to the third-year student who best fits the following criteria: the student has shown academic achievement, tenacity and drive; contributes to the advancement of women in society; who promotes issues and concerns of women in the legal profession; shows promise to contribute to the advancement of women in society; and has earned the respect of the faculty.

The recipient receives a *one-year honorary membership* in the NAWL, including receipt of all publications.

Scott H. Nichols Memorial Endowed Scholarship (\$500)

Open to present 1L or 2L

The Scott H. Nichols Memorial Endowed Scholarship is to be awarded to a student who is in financial need. This scholarship will be applied to the recipient's Bursar Account in 2009-2010

Note: The committee anticipates that there will be many students with financial need. Please explain any extraordinary circumstances beyond the usual loans associated with school, which make you the ideal candidate for this scholarship.

Ronald E. Osman Endowed Scholarship(\$1000)

Open to present 1 or 2L

This award is given to a student who graduated from high school in either Union or Williamson County, Illinois and is based on financial need.

This scholarship will be applied to the recipient's Bursar Account in 2009-2010.

SIU School of Law Public Interest Award (Certificate Only)

Open to present 1L or 2L

The SIU School of Law will award the Public Interest Award to one or more students who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to public interest law.

Eligibility requirements: Students who have shown a dedication to public interest law while in law school and who are expected to pursue public interest work as a career goal after graduation. The students must be in good academic standing at the time of selection, but grades otherwise shall not be considered in the determination.

Definition of public interest law: The awards are intended to reward past service and encourage future legal careers in a broad range of public interest and public service contexts, including:

public service legal work, which would include, but is not limited to, legal services lawyers, public defenders, prosecutors, legislative and congressional staffers, and employees of state and local governmental agencies that cannot afford to pay wages comparable to private law firms;

non-profit public interest organizations such as those dedicated to civil rights, criminal, environmental, human rights, consumer protection, and gender or minority issues; and private public interest law firms providing similar services.

The Awards Committee should recognize a preference for students who volunteered their services on a pro bono basis while in law school, but candidates will not be disqualified merely because they received academic credit or monetary remuneration. In applying this broad definition shown above, the Awards Committee shall recognize a preference for past services and/or future careers that serve the legal needs of the poor and under-represented.

SIU Law Student Bar Association 2009 Service Award (4 at \$250)

1L, 2L, 3L law student.

Criterion is service to the school. 1 of the 4 scholarships is to an incoming student with criterion of service to the community).

Judge Richard E. Richman Ethics Scholarship (\$1000)

Open to present 2L

This scholarship is given to a 2L law student enrolled in Legal Profession in 2008-2009 and who intends to practice in Southern Illinois and has demonstrated service to the Law School.

Academic achievement is not to be considered as this award is made of the basis of financial need.

This scholarship will be applied to the recipient's Bursar Account in 2009-2010.

Judge Richard E. Richman Endowed Scholarship (\$6000)

Open to present 2L

This scholarship was established in memory of Judge Richard E. Richman. It goes to a student (present 2L) to use during the student's final year in law school. The recipient criteria encompass character, verbal skills, humanity, and compassion.

Applicants should submit at least three letters of recommendation (with no more than one letter written by a School of Law faculty member) and a short essay on the topic, "My Role as a Lawyer in Society."

The recipient is selected by a committee consisting of the Director of Admissions and two members outside the School of Law.

Letters should be addressed to:

Peter Alexander
Dean
SIU School of Law
Carbondale, IL 62901-6811

and should say "Re: Richman Endowed Scholarship"

This scholarship will be applied to the recipient's Bursar Account in 2009-2010.

Donny J. Schmeder Memorial Endowed Scholarship (\$400)

Open to present 1 or 2L

Preference is to be given to a Southern Illinois University law student who will be in his/her second or third year during Fall Semester 2009 (i.e., a present 1L or 2L) from Southern Illinois (meaning south of Springfield, Illinois) who is studying one or more of the following fields: Employment Law; Environmental Law; Health Law; or a related field.

This scholarship will be applied to the recipient's Bursar Account in 2009-2010.

Women's Bar Foundation Scholarship (Nomination)

Open to present 2L

The School of Law nominates two 2L students each year to compete for the Women's Bar Foundation of Illinois scholarship.

The nominations are based upon outstanding scholastic achievement, involvement in school activities, financial need, ties to Illinois, and personal qualities.

The nominees will be interviewed by the WBF in Chicago. One will be selected to receive a scholarship to be awarded in the Fall of 2009. Recent scholarships have been approximately \$3000.

Women's Bar Foundation Public Interest Scholarship (Nomination)

Open to present 2L

The School of Law nominates one second year female law student each year to compete for the Women's Bar Foundation Public Interest Scholarship. This nomination will be based upon a student's past and current deep and abiding commitment to public interest law. The public interest activities may be from within or outside the law school. Other criteria include good academic record, financial need and an intention to practice law in Illinois.

Our nominee may be invited to be interviewed by the WBF in Chicago. One student will be selected from among the Illinois law schools' nominees to receive a scholarship to be awarded in the Fall of 2009.

Edgar O. and Bonnie Zimmer Law Scholarship (3 at \$2000)

Open to present 2L

The Edgar O. and Bonnie Zimmer Law Scholarship is to be awarded at the beginning of the fall semester to a senior in the School of Law who has indicated an intention of becoming a part of the community life of Southern Illinois. Students should be in their fourth semester of law school when applying.

Southern Illinois means the Illinois counties of Monroe, Randolph, Perry, Hamilton, Franklin, White and all counties south thereof, *except* Jackson County.

The student shall be chosen according to the following guidelines:

- a. Scholastic achievement need not be the sole criterion, but grades shall be satisfactory.
- b. Need shall not be a necessary criterion, but other financial assistance available to applicant shall be considered.
- c. The needs of the community in which applicant contemplates locating should also be considered.
- d. Applicant must be of good moral character with the potential of becoming an active participant in the affairs of the community.

This scholarship will be applied to the recipient's Bursar Account in 2009-2010.