

**Please read and follow all directions carefully. Incomplete applications will delay processing.**

The S.J.D. Program is proud to announce the S.J.D. Merit Scholarship. This scholarship offers a partial tuition scholarship for the first year of the S.J.D. program to a limited number of newly admitted S.J.D. candidates who have proven excellence in their field of study, the desire to contribute to the academic community at AUWCL, and a demonstrated financial need.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Applicants for the S.J.D. Merit Scholarship are required to submit the items below. If a section of the application does not apply to you, please indicate N/A (not applicable).

1. **Application form**
2. Please write a response to the following question:  
How will you contribute to AUWCL as an SJD candidate and future alum? (no more than 250 words)
3. Upload the application form and short essay to LSAC along with your personal statement. Alternatively, you can submit as an attachment via email to [sjd@wcl.american.edu](mailto:sjd@wcl.american.edu).

**I am a:** New Student

**Seeking admission for:**

Fall Semester 20\_\_\_\_\_

Spring Semester 20\_\_\_\_\_

**Program:** Doctor of Juridical Science  
S.J.D.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ AU ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

U.S Citizen or permanent resident

International Student

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## I. RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO APPLICANT

### 1. Personal Cash:

Savings Account: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Checking Account: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Liquid Assets and other resources:

Investment account: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Stocks and Bonds: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Non-liquid Assets:

House: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other real estate: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Will you own or operate a car during the academic year?

Yes No Uncertain

If yes, indicate: Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Original cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount still owed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## II. FINANCIAL AID YOU HAVE

List all scholarships, loans, or financial aid and include funds available to you by immediate family and relatives:

Name	Year	Amount

## III. APPLICANT'S ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR CURRENT SEMESTER

Please refer to [www.wcl.american.edu/sjd/sjdfinancial.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/sjd/sjdfinancial.cfm) for the current Program Costs.

- Tuition and books (total amount) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Housing and Utilities (monthly amount) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Food and Household Supplies (monthly amount) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Other Expenses (i.e. medical expenses, transportation, misc. - monthly amount) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Undergraduate/JD Debt, if applicable (total amount) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Credit Card or Other Debt, if applicable (total amount) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## IV. EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed or do you expect to start employment either full or part time during the study period either for pay or in return for living expenses? (Not applicable for students on an F-1 student visa.)

Yes No

**Note:** Students may apply for part-time Dean's Fellow positions (\$12/hour) which are listed on the MyWCL internal portal. International students holding F-1 visas are entitled to work on campus at the university on a part-time basis, not to exceed 20 hours per week. S.J.D. candidates are not allowed to engage in full time employment during the first year of the program, regardless of visa status.

Name of Current Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Position \_\_\_\_\_ Hours per week \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expected earnings \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per hour or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week \_\_\_\_\_

## V. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WHO APPLY AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN THE U.S.

In order to receive your I-20 from the American University, you must have demonstrated sufficient funds to cover your expenses for the term of study. Please attach a letter explaining why such funds are no longer available. Students who are sponsored by a third-party (such as a relative, friend, or employer) will also have to provide a letter from their sponsor stating why the promised funds are no longer available.

## VI. SPOUSE'S EMPLOYMENT

If you are married or will be married during the academic year, you must complete this section of the form.

I am married

I am single

I plan to marry this year

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of marriage or planned marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any dependents? Yes No

If yes, how many dependents? \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s) of dependents \_\_\_\_\_

Will your spouse be employed during the semester year? Yes No

If yes, type of employment \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

What do you estimate your spouse's monthly salary to be?

Monthly gross pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly take home pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash available or bank account of spouse (include savings accounts): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide the financial aid committee with an official copy of your spouse's income/wage documents and bank statements (if held in separate accounts).**

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## CERTIFICATION

I have read and understand the provisions of the application for tuition remission consideration at the American University Washington College of Law, and I certify that all the information given here is complete and accurate and given for the purpose of having the law school take action in reliance thereon. I understand that any false or misleading statement, or inaccurate or incomplete information, may be the basis for denial of a financial award. If I receive a financial aid award in reliance on such statement or information, I understand that I may be dismissed from the law school and that the financial aid award may be revoked. I further understand that the obligation to provide truthful, accurate, and complete information is a continuing one which requires me to notify the college of any changes in my answers to any part of this application which occur after the date of signature on this application.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

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Signature of Spouse (or future spouse)

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Date

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

### I have enclosed:

- The signed application form
- Answer to essay prompt

Scholarship applications must be submitted with a completed S.J.D. application. Applicants who submit a scholarship application with an incomplete S.J.D. application will not be considered.

### Return application to:

Office of Graduate Admissions  
American University Washington College of Law  
4801 Massachusetts Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20016

Contact us at: [sjd@wcl.american.edu](mailto:sjd@wcl.american.edu)  
(202) 274-4110

**Applications for the S.J.D. Merit Scholarship are due by 11:59 pm EST on February 1st.**