

2020 Washington Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel Diversity Scholarship Guidelines

The Washington Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel (“WACC”) is proud to sponsor three (3) diversity scholarships totaling **\$9,000** (\$3,000 per scholarship). First and second year law school students of the three Washington State law schools are eligible to apply for the scholarship. The top three candidates, as determined from a number of criteria, will be awarded a scholarship to be used to offset the following academic year’s tuition payments.¹

The Association of Corporate Counsel is a global bar association that promotes the common professional and business interests of in-house counsel who work for corporations, associations and other private or public sector organizations, and do not hold themselves out to the public for the practice of law. The WACC connects local members and provides valuable resources through its resource library on the website, continuing legal education, networking opportunities, and advocacy initiatives. With approximately 665 members statewide, the WACC Board of Directors is comprised of committees focused on the particular interests of our members, which include pro bono work, educational programs, fostering relationships with the law schools, and promoting diversity and inclusion efforts, which includes these diversity scholarships.

Purpose

In order to support traditionally underrepresented minority and/or diverse future lawyers, the Washington Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel Diversity Scholarship provides tuition financial assistance to law students who promote diversity in the legal profession in Washington State. The scholarship provides incentives for law students to increase diversity in the legal profession; reflects the diverse communities in which we live; and ultimately benefits the community at-large.

Applicant Criteria

A scholarship in the amount of \$3,000 each will be awarded to three deserving law students studying at the three (3) Washington State law schools. The award must be used to offset the costs of the following academic year’s tuition. Each recipient must be a student who: (i) is a **first** or **second** year law student; (ii) is currently enrolled in one of the Washington state law schools; (iii) is a student in good academic standing; (iv) has a demonstrated financial need; and (v) exhibits a commitment to increasing diversity in the legal profession or community at-large. Note: Applicants do not need to demonstrate any future commitment to work in-house.

Selection Process

Completed application forms are due by **April 3, 2020**. Only completed applications will be considered. A decision will be made by the WACC Scholarship Committee by **April 27, 2020**. The Scholarship Committee will rank applicants based on the Applicant Criteria above and award a scholarship to a student with the highest rank from each of the Washington State law schools. The scholarship awards will be paid directly to the law school, to be credited against the student's tuition bill for the 2020-2021 academic school year. Cash awards will not be provided. The law schools will be asked to acknowledge receipt of the scholarship in writing. The scholarship winners may be invited to a Washington Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel membership event for an acknowledgment of the scholarship award.

For any questions regarding the scholarship application or process, please contact Elida Moran at elida.moran@t-mobile.com.

¹ The three Washington law schools are Gonzaga University School of Law, Seattle University School of Law, and The University of Washington School of Law. Scholarship awards will be applied to tuition only.