



## *Women Lawyers of Ventura County Mary Sullivan Scholarship Application*

*The WLVC Mary Sullivan Scholarship is an award (minimum - \$500.00) given to a law student or recent law school graduate who represents the ideals and values of Mary Sullivan, a Ventura lawyer and long-time member of WLVC, who passed away in 2009. Mary exemplified the best qualities of an attorney, handling her cases with compassion and dignity. Her practice initially was in family law and then representing parents in dependency court proceedings. She also devoted a considerable amount of time to representing individuals on a pro bono basis.*

### **AWARD CRITERIA:**

- Law Student or Recent Law School Graduate (Within the last 2 Years)
- Resident of Ventura County or Attending Law School in Ventura County
- Commitment to Public Interest Work & Advancing the Interests of Women & Children
- Financial Need

### **APPLICATION:** Please type or print clearly.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate College: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Undergraduate GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Law School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Public Interest Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Professional Career Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TWO (2) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** Include with your application two letters of recommendation. At least one of these letters should be from a Professor or Administrator from your current school or your school of last enrollment.

**SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT:** A copy of your most current school transcript (does not need to be certified or in a sealed envelope).

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** Applicants must write a biographical essay which explains the following: (1) Why did you decide to attend Law School? (2) How does your previous employment, volunteer work, education, and extracurricular activities demonstrate a commitment to public interest work and/or serving the community? Please give specific examples which illustrate how your education and experiences have led you to your current career path; (3) What is your connection to Ventura County? (4) Are there any factors regarding your financial situation that you would like the WLVC Scholarship Committee to take into consideration; and (5) How would the WLVC scholarship help you achieve your goals?

Please submit your completed application as a single PDF file attachment to Jodi Prior at [Jodi.Prior@ventura.courts.ca.gov](mailto:Jodi.Prior@ventura.courts.ca.gov). The deadline to submit your scholarship application is **July 2, 2012**. Late applications will not be considered. Decisions on Grant Recipients will be made no later than September 4, 2012.

**A Complete Application will Include:**

1. Application cover Sheet
2. Two letters of Recommendation
3. School Transcripts
4. Personal Statement

**THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS JULY 2, 2012.**

Thank you for your interest in Women Lawyers of Ventura County. Good luck with the scholarship application.

If you would like information about joining WLVC as an attorney or student member, please contact Samantha E. Balchum at 805.644.7188 for a membership application.