



JUDGE A.D. AZIOS 1L SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

A former World War II Army Infantryman, Judge A.D. Azios was the first Hispanic District Judge elected in Harris County. Judge Azios was born in Laredo, Texas on February 5, 1921. Judge Azios hitchhiked from Laredo to Austin to study pre-law at the University of Texas. In 1943, Judge Azios' reserve unit was called to fight in World War II. One year into his tour, Judge Azios was captured and held as a prisoner of war by German forces. In 1945, he was liberated and he returned to the United States. Settling in Houston, Azios married his wife, Lauren, and he began attending South Texas College of Law.

Judge Azios was first appointed to the Houston Municipal Court, and then became a Justice of the Peace. Eventually, Judge Azios was elected to a criminal district bench. As a District Judge, Judge Azios continued to be a trailblazer. He presided over several high-profile cases and was the first judge in Harris County to allow the use of DNA evidence at trial. Judge Azios passed away in March 2013.

In Judge Azios' memory, the Hispanic Bar Association of Houston will be awarding a **\$1,000** scholarship to two deserving 1L law students from each Houston law school (**for a total of 6 scholarships, two students from each law school**). The scholarship is designed to assist students in fulfilling professional aspirations and will be awarded to students based on financial need, demonstrated leadership, commitment to the advancement of Hispanics in the legal profession, extracurricular activities, and potential for successful study of the law.

Eligibility & Instructions:

In order to be eligible to receive the scholarship, applicants must be: (1) a first year law student, (2) a paid member of the Hispanic Law Student Association (HLSA) at your law school and (3) a current member of the Hispanic Bar Association of Houston. To apply, you must submit all of the following **in a single PDF file**: (1) completed application form below; (2) a resume or answers to the questions below under "Supplemental Information" (one page maximum); (3) an essay discussing your past and future commitment to serving the Hispanic community (500 words or less); (4) a description of your financial need (500 words or less); and (5) a HisBA Membership Application if you are not currently a member. (Note: Membership is free for law school students.)

If you qualify under the above criteria, your completed application must be submitted via email to **scholarships@hisbahouston.com** by the **DEADLINE: Sunday, April 9, 2017, at 11:59 p.m.** In the subject line of the email, please refer to the "HISBA 1L Scholarship Application."

The scholarship will be awarded at HISBA's Annual President's Day Gala on **Thursday, May 4, 2017**. If you are a recipient of this scholarship, your attendance is requested.

PART 1 - APPLICATION FORM
(Please Print or Type)

Name: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Law School: _____

Phone: _____ (day) _____ (evening)

Email Address: _____

Law School Cumulative GPA: _____

Undergraduate Institution: _____

Undergraduate Degree(s) Obtained: _____

Undergraduate GPA: _____

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that I meet the eligibility requirements above and that all of the information provided by me in the application package is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Please sign or type your name (*/s/ First Last*) below to affirm.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PART 2 - RESUME OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Please attach either:

- (1) A copy of your resume; **or**
- (2) Your typed answers, in a separate page, to the following questions:
 1. What extracurricular activities have you been involved in?
 2. What honors and awards have you received?
 3. What kind of work experience do you have?

PART 3 - ESSAY

In 500 words or less, please describe your past and future commitment to serving the Hispanic community.

PART 4 – FINANCIAL NEED

In 500 words or less, please describe your financial need.