



## ALEXANDER BOLTON LAW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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### APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Please complete the attached application for the DAYL Foundation Alexander Bolton Law Student Scholarship. One \$2,500.00 scholarship will be awarded to an SMU Dedman School of Law class of 2024, 2025, or 2026 student (rising 2L, 3L or 4L) who has completed at least 20 hours of SMU Dedman School of Law's required public service hours, and who has displayed an appreciation of and commitment to the importance of giving back to the community and improving access to legal justice.

In addition to verifying an applicant's service in the community engagement program, the selection committee panel will consider an applicant's competency, character, law school and community involvement, leadership, and general performance in law school. Applicants are required to submit **(i)** this application, **(ii)** a one-page résumé, **(iii)** two (2) letters of recommendation, **(iv)** certification of community engagement service hours from the SMU Dedman School of Law's Director of Public Service, and **(v)** a current transcript. Feel free to attach your answers to the questions below on separate sheets.

Applications must be **received by September 29, 2023**. Please return your completed application to Laura Burstein, Director of Public Service and Academic Support, [lburstein@mail.smu.edu](mailto:lburstein@mail.smu.edu), (214) 768-2567. If necessary, the DAYL Foundation will interview candidates.

The recipient of the Alexander Bolton Law Student Scholarship will be notified in early November and recognized at the DAYL Foundation Award of Excellence Luncheon, currently scheduled for 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., December 7, 2023. The scholarship recipient will receive an invitation to the Luncheon and must attend unless otherwise excused by the DAYL Foundation and SMU Dedman School of Law's Director of Public Service and Academic Support. The scholarship shall be given directly to SMU Dedman School of Law by the end of the year and shall be applied to the scholarship recipient's Spring 2024 tuition and fees.

The Scholarship is named in memory of Alexander Wade Bolton, a zealous advocate of the DAYL and the DAYL Foundation. Alex began his service in DAYL as a co-chair of the DAYL Law Student Assistance Committee. He was selected to the 2013 DAYL Leadership Class, which organized the DAYL Charity Ball as their class project. In 2016, Alex successfully sought to change the beneficiary of the DAYL Charity Ball to the DAYL Foundation where it is now the largest fund-raising event of the Foundation. Alex served as Secretary of the DAYL and was elected to serve as Treasurer two days before his untimely death on October 21, 2017, which was as a result of a motor vehicle accident. In December 2017, the Board of Trustees of the DAYL Foundation voted unanimously to rename the DAYL Foundation Scholarships in his memory.

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**Non-Discrimination Policy**

The Alexander Bolton Law Student Scholarship is committed to a policy against discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, race, color, religious creed, national origin, age or disability or other legally protected status.

Applicant Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Email address:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate No. \_\_\_\_\_

ADVANCED DEGREE (If applicable):

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

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE:

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

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

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### PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Describe your community involvement and the results you have helped to achieve with your volunteerism.
  
2. Describe your extracurricular activities/offices held during law school and college.
  
3. Describe the community engagement service hours you have completed to fulfill the SMU Dedman School of Law Public Service Graduation Requirement. While the Foundation considers all public service hours (so please include them), the Foundation especially considers those public service hours provided to the community through unpaid, volunteer opportunities. For each of your public service opportunities or experiences, please include the total number of service hours performed, whether they were paid or unpaid hours, identification of the organization(s)/service group, and approximate date hours were achieved. [Please prepare your response in the form of a table as provided below.]

| Date(s) | Service Performed/Activity | Organization | Number of Service Hours | Paid/Unpaid |
|---------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|
|         |                            |              |                         |             |
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4. In one page or less, describe your appreciation of and commitment to the importance of giving back to the community and improving access to legal justice.
  
5. Attach a one-page résumé and a current transcript that includes Spring 2023 grades. Please provide two reference letters.

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**APPLICANT CERTIFICATION**

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I hereby certify that the facts set forth in the above application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsified statements on this application shall be considered sufficient cause for denial of receipt of the scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

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Date

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**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERVICE HOUR COMPLETION  
CERTIFICATION**

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SMU has a Community Engagement Service Hour program where \_\_\_\_\_ public service hours are required. I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ has completed a total of \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) public service hours by or before **September \_\_, 2023**.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Public Service's Signature  
Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date