

2014 VELANDALE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

WAAL is an association of African American Lawyers dedicated to ensuring diversity in Wisconsin's legal community. In 1990, WAAL established a scholarship in the name of the late W. Dale Phillips to provide scholarships to African-American law students at Wisconsin's two law schools--Marquette and the University of Wisconsin. In 2004, WAAL proudly renamed the scholarship "VelanDale" to recognize both Vel and Dale's outstanding accomplishments. Dale and Vel opened up the law practice of Phillips & Phillips in Milwaukee. Both civil rights activists, they became the first husband and wife partnership admitted to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. WAAL believes that a scholarship in their names will inspire future African-American leaders in the legal profession.

How To Apply

An eligible application consists of :

1. a cover letter stating why the applicant is deserving of the VelanDale scholarship;
2. a current resume;
3. a school transcript (An official transcript is preferred, but an unofficial transcript is acceptable if the official version is not available by the application deadline. An unofficial transcript must be in the original format generated by the university. Do not copy or paste it into another document);
4. Two reference letters emailed directly to waalscholarship@gmail.com; and
5. A statement or essay written by the applicant (no more than three pages) articulating how the applicant believes he/she will make a difference as an attorney on an issue of concern and interest to the African-American community or how the applicant believes he/she will advance VelanDale's legacy.
(Applicants are advised that the Selection Committee gives considerable weight to the essay and may use parts of the essay to introduce the scholarship recipients at the Annual Scholarship Dinner).

All documents must be in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) and must be received via email at waalscholarship@gmail.com by **April 1, 2014**.

Eligibility for Scholarship

1. Applicant must be attending a Wisconsin law school
2. Applicant must be in good academic standing
3. Applicant must be a person of African descent

The Scholarship Award Process

Scholarship recipients are notified prior to WAAL's Annual VelanDale Scholarship Dinner where the scholarships will be presented to one student from Marquette University School of Law and one student from University Wisconsin Law School. Additionally, the scholarship recipients will be profiled in WAAL's newsletter and website.