



**Carolyn Wilson Public Defender Scholarship  
APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

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**DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2022**

**Purpose:** The Carolyn Wilson Public Defender Scholarship Fund makes this scholarship available to individuals who have been working full-time at a public defender’s office for a minimum of five (5) years and who have accumulated law school debt totaling more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

**Award:** The Fund shall annually distribute one (1) scholarship in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE TELEPHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ SOCIAL SECURITY #: \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER CONTACT INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

I CERTIFY THAT I AM AN ACTIVE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE BAR OF \_\_\_\_\_

MY BAR NUMBER IS \_\_\_\_\_

**CRITERIA:**

- a. The recipient must show financial need.
- b. The recipient must have demonstrated the following principles of being a public defender to exist as the guardian of the presumption of innocence, due process, and fair trial. This can be evidenced in many ways including:
  - 1. to go to trial by jury or judge.
  - 2. to challenge the prosecution or judiciary where appropriate.
  - 3. to serve on boards/committees/organizations that promote the constitutional rights of the citizen accused.
  - 4. to participate in educational seminars/events for lawyers or the public at large.

Selection of the scholarship recipient shall be made from the qualifying applicants of the above-identified criteria, based on the following guidelines:

- a. Must be an attorney who works as a full-time public defender in the state of Nebraska and/or Iowa for a minimum of five (5) years.
- b. Attorney has documented law school debt totaling more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). Current loan statements and proper documentation are required at scholarship submission.



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**1. What are the ideal qualities a public defender possesses?**

**2. Please explain the importance of being a public defender and your dedication to upholding and defending the principles of the Constitution.**





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5. **Why should you receive this scholarship? What makes you unique from other public defenders?**

**Please Attach to the Scholarship:**

1. Student loan agreement that covers the terms and conditions of the loan between the lender and borrower.
2. Loan statement showing current balance due.
3. Current resume.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

DELIVER OR SEND THIS APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS TO:

Midlands Community Foundation  
c/o Carolyn Wilson Public Defender Scholarship  
217 N. Jefferson Street  
Papillion, NE 68046

\*\*\*YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESULTS OF YOUR APPLICATION\*\*\*