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The Tallahassee Barristers Association (Barristers) is a voluntary legal organization that focuses on empowering and supporting minority lawyers in the greater Tallahassee area. The Barristers established the Robert Woolfork Scholarship Foundation to support Florida law students and encourage innovative thinking on diversity, race, and the law. Each year, we award scholarships to students during our annual Scholarship Luncheon. Finalists for this year's scholarship essay contest will be invited to the 2018 Scholarship Luncheon being held on February 28, 2018, in Tallahassee, Florida, where they will be invited to make a brief presentation of their essay before the Barristers and the legal community. The winner will receive a prize scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 that will be presented at the Luncheon.

**Applicants should submit an essay addressing the following prompt:**

Given the current political climate, how important is it to have diversity amongst members of the judiciary?

**Eligibility:**

Essays will be accepted from students enrolled at any Florida law school during the 2017-2018 school year. Applicants must submit their own work and must not have submitted the same essay for another scholarship contest. Students may utilize historical data, court opinions (including dissents), pending cases and other literature to support their arguments.

**Format:**

Essays must be in 12-point font, double spaced, Times New Roman font, with two spaces following each period. All margins must be at least one inch. Research and citations are suggested, but not required. Entries must not exceed five pages, including notes.

To submit, applicants must email a Word .doc/.docx or PDF file of their essay to [Tallahassee.Barristers@gmail.com](mailto:Tallahassee.Barristers@gmail.com) with the subject line "Scholarship 2018." Applicants will need to include the title of their essay, their law school, their class year, their email address, their phone number and their mailing address.

**Selection Criteria:**

Essays will be selected for writing style, thoughtfulness, depth of research, clarity and timeliness.

**Deadline:**

Essays must be received by 11:59pm on February 16, 2018. Essays received after the deadline will not be considered.

**Questions:**

Questions may be emailed to [Tallahassee.barristers@gmail.com](mailto:Tallahassee.barristers@gmail.com).