



SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT 2023

THE WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION OF ORANGE AND SULLIVAN COUNTIES FOUNDATION, INC. ("WBAOSC Foundation") is seeking qualified applicants for two (2) scholarships of \$1,500 to be awarded to women who have been accepted or are currently attending law school.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The WBAOSC Foundation Scholarships are intended to:

Recognize law students who have demonstrated a commitment to excellence and an aptitude for leadership and philanthropy;

Promote excellence in legal studies by providing assistance to deserving students; and

Advance the purposes of the Women's Bar Association of Orange and Sullivan Counties and the WBAOSC Foundation.

AWARDS GIVEN:

Two Scholarships of \$1500 for qualified education expenses of tuition, fees or course related expenses to two students from Orange and/or Sullivan County. The Rose S. Rosen Memorial Scholarship and the Susan B. Keiser Memorial Scholarship (attached) are named after pioneering members of the legal community of Sullivan County. Scholarship recipients also receive a complimentary one (1) year WBAOSC membership if eligible.

APPLICANTS:

Any female student who was a resident of Orange or Sullivan County, New York at the time of graduation from high school or college, and is currently attending, or accepted for admission to law school. Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership and philanthropic potential, and a strong commitment to the profession, and/or the ability to overcome difficult obstacles.

AWARD DATE:

June 14, 2023, at the Women's Bar Association of Orange and Sullivan Counties Annual Installation Dinner, location to be announced. The recipient(s) are expected to be in attendance and are welcome to bring one guest, compliments of the Foundation.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please type or print information on this page. If converting the application by use of a program, the finished product must be a close reproduction of the original.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Cell Phone Number: (_____) _____

E-mail address: _____

II. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Name of Law School: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ Class Standing: _____

III. ATTACH A CURRENT RESUME OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. College/Universities Attended, Degree, Date, GPA, Major/Minor
2. High Schools Attended, Date of Graduation
3. Honors and Awards
4. Extracurricular Activities and any leadership positions you have held

5. Community Involvement and Service Activities in any social, civic, religious, professional or other community groups, including any groups working to support or advance women's issues and any positions of leadership you have held in such groups.

6. Work experience

IV. REFERENCES/RECOMMENDATIONS

Please submit two references/recommendations from individuals who have observed your academic, professional, leadership, philanthropic, work experience and/or other involvement in activities that you believe qualify you for either scholarship.

V. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please attach to this application a general statement of your career objectives and your expectations with respect to the practice of law. Please include the following:

1. Why have you decided to go to law school?
2. What do you plan to do after law school?
3. How do believe your situation and plans are related to the challenges, goals or spirit of one or both of these pioneering women?

**Please submit completed Application, Resume, References/Recommendations,
and Personal Statement by May 12, 2023 to:**

**Phaedra Britt, Esq.
Chair, Scholarship Committee
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ROSE S. ROSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The WBAOSC Foundation established this scholarship in 2009 in honor of Rose S. Rosen, a pioneering woman in the law in Sullivan County.

Rose (nee Silverstein) Rosen graduated from St. John's University Law School in New York in 1927, at the age of 21. She was one of only four women in her graduating class. Upon graduation, she passed the New York State Bar Examination and relocated to Sullivan County from New York City where she established her solo law practice, concentrating in real estate. She was the second woman to practice law in Sullivan County.

Rose met her future husband, George Rosen, also an attorney, in the courtroom. Rose continued to practice law under her maiden name and eventually they formed the firm of Rosen & Rosen. Rose served as second seat to her husband in several high-profile murder and felony trials, including the trial of Louis Henry Burns, an employee at the Concord Hotel who murdered his girlfriend and buried her body on the grounds of the hotel.

Rose S. Rosen was a member of the Sullivan County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. Rose and George had two sons, Robert and William, both of whom became attorneys and joined the family law firm. Rose passed away in 1989 at the age of 82.

We recognize that the pioneering spirit of Rose Rosen is still needed today to continue to provide avenues for the advancement and education of women lawyers in our society. Her example and unwavering commitment to the practice of law notwithstanding gender barriers inspired the WBAOSC Foundation to establish this scholarship.

SUSAN KEISER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The WBAOSC Foundation established this scholarship in 2009 in memory of Susan Keiser, a former President of the Women's Bar Association of Orange and Sullivan Counties and a committed volunteer to her community and the advancement of woman in the law.

Susan became a lawyer through apprenticeship in her husband's law office and passed the New York State Bar Exam in 1977 without having attended law school. From 1978, she practiced law with her husband at Keiser & Keiser. She received a B.A. from the University of Chicago, an M.A. from New York University and a PhD from the Fielding Graduate Institute. Susan was a candidate for Family Court Judge of Sullivan County in 1992, losing that election by just 76 votes of 29,000 cast.

Susan Keiser served as President of the Women's Bar Association of Orange and Sullivan Counties and was a State Treasurer of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York. She was the recipient of the Rose Rosen Award given by WBAOSC in 1990. Her impact on her community and volunteer spirit was inspiring. Susan was a member of the Sullivan County Charter Commission and a Trustee of the Sullivan County Community College. She was a founder of the Sullivan County Youth Council and Planned Parenthood of Sullivan County, a

member of the board of Congregation Agudas Achim of Livingston Manor, and a founder of both the Sullivan County Scenic Coalition and Project Manor. Her devotion to the law and advancement of women lawyers was evidenced by her life choices. The WBAOSC Foundation established this scholarship in recognition of her tireless community service and undaunting example of commitment to the promotion of women in the law.