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THE JUDGE ALBERT W. THOMPSON, SR., SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Grant Availability and Guidelines - 2019

The Application Form is available online at cfcv.com/scholarships.

Complete applications, including required recommendations, transcript and the Student Aid Report (SAR), must be received at the Community Foundation (not postmarked) by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2019.

BACKGROUND

One of the “giants” of this community, Judge Albert W. Thompson was a groundbreaker in desegregation and a role model, mentor and inspiration for many in civic life and public service.

Born in 1922, he received his undergraduate degree from Savannah State College and his law degree from Howard University School of Law. In 1951 he became the first black person admitted to the bar in Columbus, GA. In 1965 he became the first black person elected to public office in Muscogee County and one of the first to desegregate the Georgia House of Representatives. He served for seven terms, and his appointment as chair of the Special Judiciary Committee of the General Assembly made him the House’s first black committee chairman. In 1980 he was appointed a Superior Court Judge, marking another racial first. He retired in 1991 as Administrative Law Judge with the State Board of Workers’ Compensation. Apart from these professional activities, he distinguished himself in community service through leadership in the local Civil Rights Movement and volunteered his time to numerous service organizations. His death in 2004 did not diminish the influence that his life continues to have on untold numbers of people today.

The Judge Albert W. Thompson, Sr., Scholarship Fund was established in late 2005 by friends and colleagues of Judge Thompson to honor his many contributions to our community.

OVERVIEW

The Thompson Scholarship Fund awards two scholarships to college students with a connection to Georgia who are entering or currently enrolled in law school and are committed to practicing nonprofit law or another type of public service law.

The scholarship:

- Is intended to help students with high character, above-average intellect as demonstrated by academic achievement, a commitment to community service, and financial need achieve a law school education.
- Will be paid to the accredited law school of the student’s choice (no award will be paid to individuals).
- Can be used to cover the cost of tuition, fees, housing and/or books up to the Cost of Attendance.
- Will pay an amount determined annually by the Community Foundation based on its spending policy. For 2019, that amount is approximately \$3,200 per scholarship.
- May be renewed for up to three consecutive years; however, recipients must re-apply annually.

ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must:

- Be enrolled in either college or law school during the 2018-2019 school year.
- Have a connection to the state of Georgia (Note: preference will be given to applicants with a connection to the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit - Chattahoochee, Harris, Marion, Muscogee, Talbot and Taylor counties).
- Be U.S. citizens at the time of their application.
- Not be immediate family members of the Scholarship Committee or any employee or board member of the Community Foundation of the Chattahoochee Valley, Inc.; or direct descendants of Judge Thompson.
- Complete the Thompson Scholarship Application Form (available at cfcv.com/scholarships) and submit required attachments.
- Complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid Form (FAFSA), available from financial aid offices or at www.fafsa.ed.gov, and submit to the Community Foundation a copy of the resulting Student Aid Report (SAR). *Financial information will be held in the strictest confidence.*
- Complete a personal interview with the Thompson Scholarship Committee if selected as a finalist.

TIME SCHEDULE

Submit FAFSA Form	Completed Applications Due	Notification of Finalist Status	Scholarship Announcement
As early as October 2018	Friday, March 1, 2019 5 p.m., CFCV Office	Late March 2019	Late April 2019

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

See first page of application for checklist of all required attachments.

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2019 Application Form

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The Application Form and the Recommendation Form may be downloaded and completed electronically at cfcv.com. Be sure to have reviewed the Availability and Guidelines, also available at cfcv.com.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

All required materials must be received at the Community Foundation (not postmarked) by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2018

- Application Form
- Essay
- A copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Official copy of your most recent transcript and statement from your college/university or law school certifying that you are a degree candidate enrolled full time AND (as applicable):
 - Law school students: an official copy of your final college transcript
- One recommendation from a current professor / academic instructor
- One recommendation from an adult who is not affiliated with your school, is not related to you and is able to speak to your character

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full legal name: _____ Male Female
Last First Middle

Prefer to be called: _____ Date of birth: _____ U.S. Citizen? Yes No
Month/Date/Year

Permanent home address: _____
Number & Street City/State Zip Code County

Home telephone number: _____ - _____ - _____ Cell phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Address at school: _____
Number & Street City/State Zip Code County

Preferred mailing address prior to June 2019: Permanent School Email: _____

Current year of study: Senior - Undergraduate First-Year - Law School Second-Year - Law School

TEST INFORMATION

Please self-report your highest-scoring test scores below. For verification purposes, ensure that these scores are also provided as part of your official transcript. If not, alternate verification should be provided.

LSAT _____ LSAT _____
Date taken/to be taken Score Date taken/to be taken Score

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

List in chronological order all colleges, universities and/or graduate schools you have attended.

Institution	City/State	Dates Attended	Degree Awarded/Expected and Date

WORK EXPERIENCE

In the space provided below, please list any work experience (including self-employment) you have had since graduating from high school. Complete this information beginning with your most recent work experience.

Employer	Nature of work (Includes supervisory positions)	Dates of employment	Hrs./Wk

FAMILY INFORMATION

Marital Status: Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed

With whom do you make your permanent home? Self Only Spouse Parent/Guardian 1 (below) Parent/Guardian 2 Both

If married, please provide the below information for your spouse:

 Last/Family First/Given Middle Title (Mr., Ms. Dr., etc.)
 Occupation: _____ Place of Employment: _____
 College (if any): _____ Degree: _____
 Graduate school (if any): _____ Degree: _____

Please list the adults who have or who have had legal rights and responsibilities toward you (usually one or both biological parents when living). If you wish, you may list on attached sheet step-parents and/or other adults with whom you reside, or who otherwise help care for you. You may also list deceased parents.

Parent/Guardian 1: Mother Father Legal Guardian

 Last/Family First/Given Middle Title (Mr., Ms. Dr., etc.)
 Home address **if different** from yours:

 Home phone: _____
 College (if any): _____
 Degree: _____
 Graduate school (if any): _____
 Degree: _____
 Occupation: _____
 Place of employment: _____

Parent/Guardian 2: Mother Father Legal Guardian

 Last/Family First/Given Middle Title (Mr., Ms. Dr., etc.)
 Home address **if different** from yours:

 Home phone: _____
 College (if any): _____
 Degree: _____
 Graduate school (if any): _____
 Degree: _____
 Occupation: _____
 Place of employment: _____

Please give names and ages of your brothers and sisters. If they have attended college, give the names of the institution, degree earned, and approximate dates of attendance. If more than three siblings, please list them on an attached sheet.

Name/Relationship	Institution Attended	Degree Earned	Dates (yyyy-yyyy)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

- Yes No Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action for scholastic or other reasons in any of the schools you have attended since high school?
- Yes No Have you ever been charged or convicted of a crime or received anything other than an honorable discharge from the military?
- Yes No Are any charges pending which would require you to answer "Yes" to either question above if you were to be convicted?

If you indicated a positive response to any of the above questions, attach an explanatory statement to this application.

ESSAY

Please attach to this form an essay (typed & not to exceed 600 words) addressing the following questions:

1. What are the most significant experiences in your background that have shaped your choice of a career?
2. How will you best serve the needs of your community in your future career?
3. Amongst other things, this scholarship is intended to help students with financial need continue their education and obtain college degrees. How would receiving this scholarship help you achieve your academic and career goals?

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all information submitted in the admission process – including the application, the essay, and any supporting materials – is my own work, factually true, and honestly presented. I understand that I will forfeit my candidacy for the Thompson Scholarship should any of the information I've certified be false. If selected to receive a scholarship, I agree to the use of my name, likeness and information contained in my application by the Community Foundation of the Chattahoochee Valley, Inc. without further compensation or notification.

Applicant's Signature

Date

SEND COMPLETED MATERIALS TO:

Thompson Scholarship Committee
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Visit cfcv.com/About-Us/Contact-Us for directions to the office.