



Judge Marcia G. Cooke Public Interest Scholarship

The South Florida Chapter of the Federal Bar Association has created a scholarship to honor the life and memory of the Honorable Marcia G. Cooke. Judge Cooke dedicated her life to public service, working in a variety of positions in local, state and federal government before ultimately becoming the first Black female federal district judge in the State of Florida and, to date, the only Black female federal district judge to have served in the Southern District of Florida. This scholarship will be awarded to a local law student (from Florida International University College of Law, St. Thomas University College of Law, or University of Miami School of Law) who has demonstrated a commitment to, and intends to pursue a career in, public service. The scholarship is a one-time award of \$5,000.00.

To be considered, please complete and submit the following application, along with a current resumé and law school transcript, to the South Florida Chapter of the Federal Bar Association at the following e-mail address: JudgeCookeScholarship@gmail.com. Only complete application packages received on or before June 14, 2024, will be considered. The recipient will be selected during Summer 2024 and will be notified prior to the start of the Fall 2024 Semester.

Candidate Background

Full name:		
Undergraduate Institution: _		
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Major/Degree:		
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Year of Graduation:
Awards/Honors:
Graduate Institution:
Major/Degree:GPA:
Year of Graduation:
Awards/Honors:
Law School:
GPA:
Month/Year of Expected Graduation:
Awards/Honors:
Are you a first-generation college graduate (<i>i.e.</i> , your parents/guardians did not graduate from college)?
Are you a first-generation law student (<i>i.e.</i> , your parents/guardians did not graduate from law school)?
Have you taken out student loans for law school?
If so, what is your current law school loan balance?
Have you received any other financial aid (e.g., grants, scholarships) for law school?
If so, how much in total have you received?

Public Service Experience/Interest

In this section, we want to learn about your experience with and interest in serving your community (e.g., volunteering, legal services clinics, military service, teaching, government work, judicial internships).

What have you done prior to law school that you would characterize as public service? Ple limit your response to 150 words or fewer.	ase
What have you done during law school that you would characterize as public service? Ple limit your response to 150 words or fewer.	ase

What are your plans after graduating from law school? Please limit your response to 1	50
words or fewer.	
Is there anything in your background/experience that contributed to your interest in pubservice (e.g., a particular interaction (positive or negative) with a public servant; an instant where your race, ethnicity, national origin, gender or gender identity, sexual orientati and/or disability affected your life, be it through discrimination, inspiration or otherwise Please limit your response to 250 words or fewer.	ice on
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