



## NANCI S. KLEIN (NSK) MEMORIAL FUND Criteria for Scholarship Application

1. One NSK Memorial Fund \$500 Scholarship recipient will be selected annually by Oakland Mediation Center (OMC), after review of application material, from each of Wayne State MADR Program, U of D Mercy Law School and The Thomas M. Cooley Law School. From applications submitted to the program head, the program head at the selected school will select three (3) applicants to forward to OMC for final selection. Specific parameters for selection include commitment to a career using mediation, knowledge of mediation and ability to explain its relevance/importance, need for funding, intent of use of scholarship if awarded, participation in groups/clubs/activities outside of school, creativity, writing ability, and volunteerism.
2. The award is intended to be used for academic purposes such as tuition, student fees, room, board, and/or books.
3. Oakland Mediation Center reserves the right to determine who receives the award.
4. Scholarship funds are payable to educational institution(s) and/or recipient(s). Exceptions to this policy can be made based upon individual circumstances.
5. Relatives of Oakland Mediation Staff or Board of Trustees are ineligible.
6. Scholarship recipient selection(s) will be made without regard to race, age, gender, religion, political beliefs, employment status, or any other factor which could constitute unfair or illegal discrimination.
7. Applicants will be in good academic standing and enrolled when application is submitted.
8. Decisions of OMC are final in all matters related to the above practices.

### APPLICATION

- The applicants will submit the application, essay and transcripts to their program head by the deadline of **May 1, 2009**.
- The program head will submit the application, essay and transcripts to OMC by the deadline of **June 1, 2009**.
- Scholarship recipients will be notified by letter no later than **August 15, 2009**. No late applications or parts of the application packet will be accepted.

### TRANSCRIPTS

Applicants will submit a transcript from all colleges/universities attended with his/her application. Transcripts will indicate cumulative grade point average and courses in mediation and ADR.

### ESSAY

Applicants will submit an essay not to exceed 500 words answering the following questions:

1. In your own words, define and explain mediation and why it is a significant alternative to litigation?
2. Why do you want to pursue mediation as an area of study and what are your intentions for using mediation in your chosen career?
3. In your opinion what character traits make a good mediator?
4. Why do you believe you are deserving of a scholarship and what do you plan to do with it if you are awarded the scholarship?