



KAHALAS TERM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Howard and Judith Kahalas Term Scholarship offers a unique learning experience to a select group of students who have demonstrated academic excellence in their law school and/or undergraduate coursework, a commitment to serving their communities, and exceptional potential for professional and civic leadership.

Established by Howard (Class of 1972 Suffolk University Law graduate) and Judith Kahalas, this scholarship seeks to provide financial assistance and professional guidance to current or incoming Suffolk University law students with a history of leadership and commitment to service demonstrated prior to or during law school.

Students will be selected on the basis of academic performance, financial need and essay. Preference will be given to students who are members of groups that have been historically underrepresented in law school education (African-American/Black, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian, Latino/Hispanic, or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander).

Applicants must submit a personal essay on the topic below and contact information for two references from law or college faculty.

ESSAY TOPIC – Describe how the practice of law is an avenue for service. (500 words or less)

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND DEADLINES – A complete application includes this signed application form, an unofficial law school transcript, a 500-word essay responding to the topic above, and contact information for two references from the law faculty. Applicants must also include documentation (such as résumé of volunteer/civic leadership) that attests to their leadership and participation in service within the community or in another venue. Financial need is assessed based on information in the applicant's FAFSA and Need Access applications. Applicants who have not yet completed the most recent FASFA or the most recent Need Access applications online must do so prior to the scholarship application deadline. FAFSA and Need Access Applications can be found at fafsa.org and needaccess.org, respectively. All finalists will be interviewed by members of a three person committee selected by the Dean of the Law School.

Application materials and questions should be directed to the Law Financial Aid Office. When submitting applications, applicants will be asked to complete a financial aid form which will accompany the application.

All application materials must be received by noon on Friday, March 1, 2019.

Certification

I certify that the work submitted with this application is my own, except as noted by work cited.

Applicant Signature	Printed Name	SU ID
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ABOUT HOWARD & JUDITH KAHALAS

Howard M. Kahalas is the principal of the Law Office of Howard M. Kahalas, P.C. He established his firm in 1981, after several years as a sole practitioner specializing in criminal trial work, personal injury and workers compensation. His more than 35 years of experience as a Boston personal injury attorney include, being awarded several multi-million-dollar verdicts or settlements for his clients. A 1969 graduate of Boston University's College of Liberal Arts, Kahalas earned his law degree from Suffolk University Law School in 1972. He is a past member of the Judicial Nominating Commission, serving more than eight years under three governors.

Judith Kahalas holds a BA and MA in English and Critical Thinking from UMASS-BOSTON with an additional certification in ESOL by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Judith has spent the majority of her career as an educator and for the past 15 years, she has served at Roxbury Community College as Coordinator of the Writing Center and member of the English faculty. Judith also served on the Board of Roxbury Community College Foundation for 10 years.