

## **Judge George L. BeGole Memorial Scholarship Application**

Please submit your completed application by **April 15, 2011** to: Christina K. Lichty, [shiawbarassoc.applications@yahoo.com](mailto:shiawbarassoc.applications@yahoo.com)

The **Judge George L. BeGole Memorial Scholarship Application** is offered by the Shiawassee County Bar Association in memory of the former 66th District Court Judge. Judge George L. BeGole served as one of Shiawassee County's 66th District Court Judges for 16 years. BeGole, a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II was seriously wounded during the landing at Mindanao in the southern Philippines and received six decorations for his efforts during the war.

Upon Japan's surrender, BeGole returned to the United States where he received his law degree from the University of Detroit - Mercy School of Law. During his time in law school BeGole earned two heroic Civilian Action Awards from the City of Detroit for life-saving efforts. The first award came when BeGole jumped into the Detroit River to save a man that jumped off the Belle Isle Bridge and the second award came when he tackled a robber holding up a taxi cab driver at gunpoint and restrained him until law enforcement arrived. BeGole went on to study police administration at Michigan State University and criminal law at Wayne State University before starting up his own law practice.

As a young attorney BeGole formed what became one of Detroit's largest law firms and for 31 years practiced law in the City of Detroit, although he maintained offices in both Corunna and Morrice. During his career as an attorney, BeGole was a regular feature in the Detroit newspapers for his work defending individuals in some of the Motor City's most high profile cases involving members of the now infamous "Purple Gang".

In 1980 Governor William Milliken appointed BeGole as 66th District Court Judge where after his first term he was elected to the bench by winning 55 of Shiawassee County's 57 precincts. During his tenor, Judge BeGole was highly respected throughout the community and was well known for his reputation as being a fair and honest man.

Judge BeGole retired to his farm in southern Shiawassee County where the remainder of his life revolved around his family. He enjoyed planting pine trees around the farm, working in the yard, swimming and reading.

The scholarship is in the amount of \$500.00 and is paid directly to the applicant's law school.

**Instructions.** Type or print in ink. Attach additional sheets whenever necessary. Please put your name on every additional sheet.

**I. Personal Information**

Name:

Name you prefer to be called:

Gender (optional):  Male  Female

Date of birth (optional): (month/day/year)

Place of birth: (city/state/country)

Are you a Shiawassee County Resident<sup>1</sup>?  Yes  No

If you are not a Shiawassee County Resident, you do not qualify for this scholarship.

**II. Contact Information**

We will use a variety of methods to communicate with you. Please provide us with contact information that will be valid through the end of May 2011:

E-mail address:

Cell phone:

Daytime phone:

Evening phone:

Mailing address:

**III. Family Information**

**Mother's or Guardian's:**

Name: Address:

Primary occupation during working years:

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<sup>1</sup> For purposes of this application, an applicant will be considered a Shiawassee County Resident if the applicant is currently residing in Shiawassee County, if the applicant resided in Shiawassee County during high school, or attended high school in Shiawassee County.

Highest level of education:  Grade school  High school  some college  Bachelor's degree  Graduate or professional degree

**Father's or Guardian's**

Name:                      Address:

Primary occupation during working years:

Highest level of education:  Grade school  High school  some college  Bachelor's degree  Graduate or professional degree

**IV. Educational Background**

1. List all colleges and universities you have attended, including part-time, summer, graduate study, and those in which you are currently enrolled. Begin with the most recent.

Name of institution:

Dates attended:                      (MM/YY - MM/YY)

Field of concentration:

Degree and date:

2. List all high schools you attended.

Name of institution:

Dates attended:                      (MM/YY - MM/YY)

3. List all languages, other than English, that you speak or write, and state your degree of proficiency in each.

**V. Experience**

Please let us know the following, **in a résumé or in some other format** : (A) up to eight positions of full-time or significant part-time employment, paid or unpaid, beginning with your most recent, including the name and location of your employer, your job title, and the dates you held the position, along with any other information you think will be useful; (B) significant extracurricular/non-work-related activities; (C) academic and non-academic honors and awards received, including fellowships, prizes, and memberships in honor societies; and (D) hobbies or special areas of interest or academic pursuits. **If you are not presently enrolled in an educational institution**, we would find it particularly helpful to know what you are doing now; whether you are working, volunteering, traveling, seeking employment, or anything else, **please be sure to tell us your current and planned activities prior to enrolling in law school.**

## VI. Essays

While the form and content of your essays are up to you, for ease of reading, please use double-spacing and at least a 12-point font.

These essays allow you an opportunity to provide us with relevant information that you were not able to include elsewhere in your application materials. Write two essays (but no more) on the following topics. Each essay should be between one to five pages in length.

1. Describe your current hopes for your career after completing law school. How will your education, experience, and development so far support those plans?
2. Describe a failure or setback in your life. How did you overcome it? What, if anything, would you do differently if confronted with this situation again?
3. Describe an experience that speaks to the problems and possibilities of diversity in an educational or work setting.
4. What do you think are the skills and values of a good lawyer? Which do you already possess? Which do you hope to develop?
5. How might your perspectives and experiences enrich the quality and breadth of the intellectual life of our community or enhance the legal profession?
6. Describe your educational experiences so far. What kinds of learning environments, teaching methods, student cultures, and/or evaluation processes have you found lead you to thrive, or contrariwise, thwart your success?

## VII. Conduct

While answering the two questions below, when in doubt, err on the side of full disclosure. If, following your completion of this application, matters arise that would require you to answer yes to either question, supplement your application with complete details. Note that an affirmative answer to either question does not necessarily preclude or even prejudice your application. Your answer will be reviewed on an individual basis in relation to all aspects of your experience, academic achievement, and potential. **You must submit a supplementary statement with any affirmative responses; provide complete details, including dates and resolution.**

- Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action for academic or other reasons in any of the colleges, universities, graduate, or professional schools you have attended, or are such charges pending or expected to be brought against you?

Yes  No

- Have you ever been convicted of a crime (following a jury or bench trial, a guilty plea, or a *nolo contendere* plea), including misdemeanors and infractions, but excluding minor traffic violations, or are such criminal charges pending or expected to be brought against you?

Yes  No

### **VIII. Certification**

I hereby certify that all statements and representations on this application and on all accompanying materials are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that the thoughts and words contained in my essays are my own, and that no one assisted in the creation of my essays beyond basic proofreading or a general critique of my work. I understand that false statements may result in the revocation of an offer of the scholarship. I understand that if I am selected for the scholarship, the amount of the scholarship will be paid directly to my law school. Further, I acknowledge that if selected **I must attend the May 2, 2011 award ceremony in Owosso, Michigan.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_