Dear Students,

The Office of Advancement is pleased to announce the following scholarships for JD students made possible through the donor gifts by alumni and friends to MSU College of Law. The Office of Advancement works closely with alumni and friends to raise funds in support of these and other scholarships that are donor funded.

Criteria for the scholarships are listed below. All eligible applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee and students will be made aware of the committee's decision on Monday, April 11, by 5:00 p.m. The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 1, 2016.

Recipients of the scholarships will be expected to participate in receptions specific to the scholarship, if applicable. They will also be asked to take a photo for promotional use, and write a thank you note to the scholarship donor.

Questions about the scholarships and applications should be submitted via e-mail to the Office of Financial Aid at finaid@law.msu.edu; applications can be dropped off in person to the Office of Financial Aid, Room 316. By applying for this scholarship each applicant consents to a release of their information to confirm GPA and financial need. Please do not respond to this e-mail with any questions or your application.

Thank you,

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Tina K. Casoli
Director, Office of Advancement

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**Spring 2016 Scholarships**

All scholarships require candidates to send an email with name, address, phone and email address to the Office of Financial Aid, finaid@law.msu.edu, with a one page description of why you qualify for the award. Essays should omit the student’s name and other personal information except for the PID/Student number. Some scholarships may require additional information.

**State Bar of Michigan Health Care Law Section Academic Achievement Award**

- 2 or 3L
- Make a commitment to remain in Michigan following graduation and take the Michigan Bar exam
- Attend a ceremony designated by the Section for the purpose of being presented with the award in September
- Award will be issued in fall 2015 by the State Bar of Michigan Health Care Law Section
- One (1) award of $1,500

**Stokes-Hoffman LGBT Scholarship**
- Preference given to 2L or 3L
- Preference given to an active member in good standing of the LGBT Student Law Group for all years in law school at MSU Law and demonstrates a commitment in the advancement of the LGBT community and LGBT public policy
- One (1) award of $1,500

**S. Gary Spicer, Sr. Sports Law Scholarship**
- 2L or 3L with at least a 3.00 GPA
- One page application outlining how the funds will further the student’s study in Sports Law and why they should be selected
- Currently receiving no more than 50% of their tuition paid through scholarships
- One (1) scholarship will be awarded for $1,000

**Jackson Lewis Labor and Employment Law Scholarship**
- 2L or 3L studying or having an interest in labor or employment law
- GPA of 3.25 or higher
- Currently receiving no more than 50% tuition paid by MSU Law
- Preference given to a student with a diverse background and one who is a member in good standing in the Black Law Students Association
- Preference given to students who demonstrate financial need (as determined by their expected family contribution (EFC) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Applicants should submit a one page letter about their work experiences and why they should be a recipient of this scholarship and how such a scholarship will make a difference in their life and information about their interests in labor and employment law.
- Two (2) awards of $2,500

**Joseph Lupton Memorial Scholarship**
- Recipient of the scholarship will have successfully completed the LEO (Legal Education Opportunity) Program and be currently enrolled as 1L student.
- Applicants will submit a one page essay describing how the LEO Program impacted their legal education and how they were impacted by the program.
- Demonstrated financial need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application.
- One (1) award of $1,500
- Scholarships, grants and other funding received from internal and external sources are considered financial resources for determining a student's eligibility for federal and other aid. Students who receive COGS awards or scholarships through Advancement, for example, will have their financial aid adjusted to avoid over awards. Usually student loans will be the only financial aid adjusted although Work-Study awards may be impacted as well.

The MSU College of Law follows the same Institutional Award Policy outlined on the MSU financial aid website at [http://www.finaid.msu.edu/Read/MSU%20Institutional%20Awards%20Policy.pdf](http://www.finaid.msu.edu/Read/MSU%20Institutional%20Awards%20Policy.pdf) Students are encouraged to review the policy and contact the law school financial aid office with any questions. Questions can be directed to John Garcia, Financial Aid Director, at garcia11@law.msu.edu or 517-432-6810.