

Georgetown University Law Center
Leadership and Advocacy for Women in Africa (LAWA) Fellowship Program

Application for 2009-2010 Fellowship Year

Application Deadline: Friday, September 26, 2008

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT- APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED IN ENGLISH)

1. Name _____
(Last/Surname) (First) (Middle)
2. Personal Address _____
(Street Address or P.O. Box) (City) (Country) (Postal Code)
3. Personal Telephone Number _____
(Include Country & City Code) (Day) (Evening)
4. Email Address _____ Cell Phone: _____
5. Business Address _____
(Street Address or P.O. Box) (City) (Country) (Postal Code)
6. Business Telephone Number _____ Fax Number _____
(Include Country & City Code)
7. Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____ Sex _____ Race _____
8. Country of Citizenship _____ Country of Residence _____
9. Are you now a full time student? _____ If not, what is your present occupation/position? _____
10. Please indicate your native language _____ Were your law courses taught in English? _____
Please list all other languages you speak and your level of proficiency _____

11. If applicable, list the dates that you took the ALI/GU English Proficiency Test and/or the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam and provide your highest score(s).
Date(s) _____ Score(s) _____
12. As a requirement of participation in the LAWA Program, all applicants must commit to return home to their own countries upon completion of the Fellowship, and to use their best professional efforts to advance women's human rights in their countries throughout their careers. Since the Program was founded in 1993, LAWA graduates have returned home and assumed prominent leadership positions in non-governmental organizations, law schools, legislatures and other governmental positions, the judiciary, public interest law firms, and other important positions, enabling them to make significant advancements in women's human rights in their countries. This outstanding record is crucial not only to the success of the LAWA Program, but to its very existence as supporters do not want to invest in a program that draws talented individuals away from their countries in Africa. If you are awarded a LAWA Fellowship, you will be asked to certify that you will return to your country after the Fellowship and that you will continue to promote women's human rights in your country throughout your career. Please indicate whether you have any reservations about making this commitment and signing the agreement. _____
13. The LAWA Program helps defray the costs for candidates who would not otherwise be able to afford an LL.M. degree focusing on international women's human rights and additional professional development training. The LAWA Fellowship provides the tuition for the Foundation of American Law and Legal Education course (a U.S. \$2,200 benefit) and for the Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree from the Georgetown University Law Center (a U.S. \$42,065 benefit), as well as training provided by the LAWA Program. **Candidates who are awarded a LAWA Fellowship must be prepared to cover the costs of all additional expenses** (such as visas, travel, housing, utilities, food, clothing, health insurance, books, fees, etc.), and must be able to demonstrate to the U.S. Embassy for visa purposes that they have the funds available to cover these expenses (approximately U.S. \$25,000). Please indicate what financial resources you have available to cover these expenses: _____

14. Please list each time you have traveled **outside of your home country** for any purpose, including study, research, vacation/holiday, visit family or friends, work, live, etc.:

Country	Dates (from day/month/year – to day/month/year)	Purpose

15. Please write an **essay** on the following (attach as a separate document along with your completed application form): Describe your background and/or any significant experiences that help define you as a person (e.g., your hometown, your family, time spent in other countries, challenges you have overcome, etc.). Explain why you desire to be a LAWA Fellow, and how both your personal career goals, as well as women’s human rights in your country, will be advanced through your participation in the LAWA Program. Include information about the status of women in your community and country, and how the laws in your country affect women. If you are awarded a LAWA Fellowship, you will write a major research paper on a particular issue affecting women in your country. Please indicate what topic(s) you may be interested in addressing in this paper. Feel free to provide any other information that you believe will qualify you as a top candidate for a LAWA Fellowship.

16. Please attach your **resume** indicating your employment history (both paid and volunteer positions, including the name of your employer, location of your employment (city, country), dates of your employment (start and end dates), and description of your work for each position you have held); your education from high school to the present (including the name and location (city, country) of the institution, dates attended (including date of graduation), degree awarded, grade point average or your class rank and number of students, and your participation in any extracurricular activities); titles of any published materials (articles, books, reports, etc.) or significant research papers; any special honors, awards, scholarships, or fellowships; and any memberships in organizations or community activities in which you have been involved, including any leadership roles.

17. Please send your **official law school transcript(s)**, or indicate the date on which you requested the registrar’s office at your law school to send your transcript to us: _____. **THE LAWA PROGRAM CANNOT CONSIDER YOUR APPLICATION UNTIL WE RECEIVE YOUR OFFICIAL LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT(S). PLEASE INCLUDE AN EXPLANATION OF THE GRADING AND RANKING SYSTEM.**

18. Please send two (2) **letters of recommendation** from persons who are well acquainted with you, your commitment to advancing women’s human rights in your country, your legal abilities, and your work. At least one should be a person who has expressed a willingness to assist you in a professional manner upon your return to your country.

Send your completed application via e-mail to wlpfp@law.georgetown.edu. Your reference letters may be scanned and sent as e-mail attachments, or may be mailed or faxed separately. Your official law school transcript must be sent via mail. If you do not have access to e-mail, you may send your entire application via mail. Please use only one method – do not send multiple copies. If you applied to the LAWA Program last year, you do not need to re-send your transcript or letters of recommendation, but you must resubmit your completed application form with your responses to questions 1-16 (including your updated resume).

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Due to the high volume of applications and limited staffing, we regret that we are unable to respond to inquiries. There is no need to apply separately to the Georgetown University Law Center. If you are awarded a LAWA Fellowship, you will receive assistance concerning the visa process.