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The Association of Administrative Law Judges (AALJ) will be awarding two $2,500 scholarships to deserving Florida law students in conjunction with its Annual Education Conference. The AALJ is both a labor union and a professional association that represents more than 850 federal administrative law judges engaged in adjudication at the Social Security Administration. The AALJ advocates for reasonable and appropriate working conditions for judges, protects judicial independence, and defends due process protections for the American public. The AALJ also provides professional development opportunities to advance judges' knowledge of the law and medical conditions related to disability and offers a forum for judges to exchange shared experiences.

Every year or two, the AALJ organizes and hosts an educational conference designed to address specific issues relevant to the adjudication of Social Security disability cases. This year, our conference will be held the week of March 1, 2027 at the Marriott Renaissance Resort and Spa - Disney Springs in Orlando, FL. We are looking to award two $2,500 scholarships to law school students who have already distinguished themselves in the area of public interest law and/or public interest pursuits. We welcome applications from law students of all levels attending an ABA-accredited law school in Florida. Scholarship winners will also be invited to attend a luncheon for presentation of their awards on Thursday, March 4, 2027.

To be considered for one of these scholarships, applicants must submit the following:

1. A statement of the applicant's commitment to public service, past public service, and/or the intention to serve adults or children with disabilities not to exceed three pages.

2. The following academic and contact information:

   - Resume;
   - Law school transcript, or other evidence of enrollment in a Florida accredited law school;

- Contact information including phone number and email address;
- Academic rank, if available, and grade point average, if available. There is no minimum class rank or grade point average associated with this scholarship. (We understand this information will not be available for first year students. If you are a first-year law student, please be certain to provide your undergraduate academic rank, if available, and grade point average.).

Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on January 15, 2027. Completed application packets must be emailed to: AALJEducationConference@gmail.com.

Scholarship award winners will be notified on or about Friday, February 5, 2027.

Questions should be directed to Judge Maria Hodges at tmhodges@roadrunner.com.