The Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (WLALA) Foundation is pleased to offer the 2020 Judge Beverly Reid O’Connell Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a woman high school senior, who is interested in the field of law or public service, and who was inspired in this career choice by the WLALA Foundation’s Power Lunch Program, the WLALA organization, or by a WLALA leader. Judge O’Connell, who was long-time board member of WLALA, created the Power Lunch Program to provide civic education, judicial mentorship and exposure to the judicial branch to local high school students. As part of the Power Lunch Program, students come to courthouses to have lunch with judges, lawyers, courtroom staff and members of law enforcement.

The recipient of the 2020 Judge Beverly Reid O’Connell Scholarship will receive up to $5,000 and be announced publicly at the WLALA Installation Dinner on September 25, 2020, which recipients are required to attend.

To be eligible, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Be a woman high school senior;
- Interested in the field of law or in public service;
- Inspired to pursue this career choice by: 1) the WLALA Foundation’s Power Lunch Program; 2) the WLALA organization; or 3) a WLALA leader.

To apply, please submit all of the following information/materials:

- Your contact information (name, email address, and phone number);
- A personal statement addressing where you have applied to college and/or where you have been accepted into college, your career goals, and how you were inspired to pursue this career by the WLALA Foundation’s Power Lunch Program, the WLALA organization, or a WLALA leader. Your personal statement must be typed, double-spaced, and a maximum of 3 pages;
- Your high school transcript, including grades for fall semester 2019; and
- A minimum of one letter of recommendation and a maximum of three letters of recommendation.

Email your completed application to: info@wlala.org (please include “2020 Judge Beverly Reid O’Connell Scholarship Application” in the email subject line) or mail your completed application to Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, Attn: 2020 Judge Beverly Reid O’Connell Scholarship Application, 634 South Spring Street, Suite 617, Los Angeles, CA 90014. All applications must be postmarked no later than July 27, 2020.

To learn more about the BRO Scholarship, please visit https://www.wlala.org/page/BROScholarship

Questions about the WLALA 2020 Judge Beverly Reid O’Connell Scholarship should be directed to Kay Burt at info@wlala.org.

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1 The WLALA Installation Dinner date is subject to change or cancellation due to COVID-19.