

**THE HARRIS Y. COTTON MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP**

**AWARDED BY
THE COUNTY PROSECUTORS ASSOCIATION
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General Information

The County Prosecutors Association of the State of New Jersey, Inc., a 501(c) 3 Corporation, is a non-profit corporation which annually awards scholarships to law students and college and graduate students.

Each scholarship is a one year grant in the amount of \$3,500.00 paid directly to the recipient. Persons may not reapply for succeeding years.

To be eligible, an applicant must be a New Jersey resident accepted for admission to a law school. The applicant must have an interest in pursuing a career as a prosecutor with an emphasis in Domestic Violence or Hate Crimes prosecutions. The applicant must also demonstrate financial need.

Applications must be *postmarked* by September 15, 2017. Personal interviews of finalists will be conducted. Applicants will be notified of the Board's decision in October 2015.

Applications should be sent to:

**Harris Y. Cotton Memorial Scholarship
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Harris Y. Cotton (1929-1997)

Harris Cotton was a caring, compassionate and giving person

with a tremendous spirit and a great sense of humor. He was considered to be the Dean of Prosecutors in the State of New Jersey.

Harris Cotton was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Villanova and received a degree in Biology. He had once considered being a doctor but told a reporter in 1980 that he "couldn't get into medical school and tending bar just didn't seem like a good kind of future."

He joined the Army during the Korean War. He became a lab technician performing autopsies in Japan and Korea. Upon returning from his military stint, he lived in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, and commuted to Woodbury, New Jersey, for a bartending job. He subsequently enrolled in Rutgers University Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1958.

Harris Cotton had a strong legacy of respect for personal rights. His father, Charles Camp Cotton, a staunch Civil Rights supporter and counsel to the NAACP, had served as Gloucester County's Prosecutor from 1940 to 1945. Following in his father's footsteps, Harris Cotton served two five year terms as the Gloucester County Prosecutor. The first term was from 1975 to 1980 when it was still a part-time position. His second term commenced in 1991 and ended in 1997. He died at the age of 68, 40 minutes before his second term officially ended.

Harris Cotton was a strong advocate for protecting individual rights. Under his watch, specialized Units in the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office, such as the Domestic Violence Unit and the Hate Crimes Unit, received the type of support needed to aggressively combat criminal acts that serve to undermine basic personal rights. As a tribute to Harris Cotton, a vanguard of individual rights, this scholarship was established by his friends and colleagues in his memory.

HARRIS Y. COTTON

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Application Form

I. Personal History of Applicant

- Mr.
- Miss
- Ms.
- Mrs.

Name _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

Permanent Mailing Address

Number & Street _____
City _____
County State Zip Code

Current mailing Address (if different from above)

Number and Street _____
City State Zip Code

Phone Number(s):

() _____

() _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____

Social Security Number ____/____/____

Country of Citizenship _____

Marital Status () Single () Married

Dependents

Names and Ages _____

Present occupation _____

Have you been in the Armed Services? () Yes () No

Branch _____

Dates of Service and Discharge _____

Rank at Discharge _____

Have you served in any law enforcement capacity?

Yes () No ()

Agency _____

Dates of Service _____

Position _____

II. Applicant's Educational Background (Circle School for which Scholarship Application is submitted and attach proof of acceptance or attendance)

A. Secondary:

Name and Address of High School _____

B. Undergraduate :

Name and Address of College/University _____

Year of Graduation Anticipated _____ Degree _____

Major Field of Study _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (if applicable) _____

C. Graduate:

Name and Address of Institution _____

Year of Graduation Anticipated _____ Degree _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (if applicable) _____

D. Law School:

Name and Address of Institution _____

Year of Graduation Anticipated _____ Degree _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (if applicable) _____

III. Financial Information (Provide Figures Pertaining to the Academic Year for which Scholarship Application is Submitted)

A. Estimated Cost of Education, including tuition, room, board, books.

B. Applicant's Current Yearly Salary _____

C. Spouse's Current Yearly Salary (if applicable) _____

D. All Other Sources of Income or Support, including parental _____

E. All Other Grants, Financial Aid and Scholarships _____

F. State any Other Information Relevant to Applicant's Financial Need

Date Completed _____ / _____ / _____

IV. Special Honors or Prizes

Specify any special recognitions, honors or prizes which you have achieved including academic work, the arts, athletics, and community service.

Applicant's Signature

V. Personal Statement

Submit with your Application a typed Statement of Educational and Career Objectives. Your Statement should describe your interest in pursuing a career as a prosecutor with an emphasis in Domestic Violence or Hate Crimes Prosecutions. You may attach additional pages if needed.

