Dear Law Students,

We would like to invite second and third year law students attending law school in California to apply for the Charles Houston Bar Association’s (“CHBA”) Annual Scholarship. Law students do not have to be members of CHBA to be awarded the scholarship. All law students who apply will be given free membership to CHBA for the upcoming calendar year and may renew that membership for free during their tenure in law school. While all law students are encouraged to apply, students of African descent attending law school in California are particularly encouraged to submit scholarship materials. Scholarship awards will start at $2,000 dollars, and will be given to deserving law school students at our Annual Gala Dinner and Dance on December 7, 2019.

The scholarship recipients will receive a complimentary ticket to the event. To apply for the scholarship, please submit the following:

1. The attached application (please copy and give to all interested students)
2. At least one academic or professional letter of recommendation by a non-family member.
3. Current official transcript (grade sheets not accepted)
4. Current resume
5. A short essay no longer than 500 words describing one of the following:
   a. How will you contribute to the African American legal profession with your law degree?
   b. What current social/community issues are most important to you and how will you use your legal degree to effect positive change to those social/community issues?
   c. Our bar association was named after the civil rights practitioner Charles Hamilton Houston. Please briefly discuss one of his seminal cases and its impact on the fight for civil rights.
6. A one-half to one page biography to be included in the Gala Dinner and Dance program if chosen as a scholarship recipient, along with a passport-sized photograph.

All materials must be received on or before October 30, 2019, no exceptions. Applications can be retrieved from our website, www.charleshoustonbar.org. Please email all materials to: Tierra Piens, at younglawyers@charleshoustonbar.org. Those selected to receive the scholarship will be notified by November 16, 2019. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at younglawyers@charleshoustonbar.org. All students are encouraged to apply. Best wishes!

Sincerely,

Tierra Piens,
Young Lawyers Chair, 2019

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Name: ___________________________ Phone Number: ___________________________

Email Address: ________________________________________________________________

Current Law School: __________________________________________________________

Graduation Date: ______________________________________________________________

Have you attended any CHBA events in the past? If yes, which events?
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How are you currently financing your law school education?
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