

**THE REEMA RAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**1. Objective**

The Reema Ray Memorial Scholarship is in honour of Reema Ray, a 2006 graduate of the LL.B (Hons.) Programme of The WB National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata (NUJS). Reema was an associate at Touchstone Partners (earlier, Platinum Partners) from 2008 until her untimely demise in 2013. During her stint at Touchstone Partners, Reema made an enormous contribution to the firm's practice and deeply touched the hearts and minds of her colleagues. She was the embodiment of the values that the firm holds most dear – an ability and desire for high performance coupled with a sense of empathy. The objective of this scholarship is to support and encourage deserving students of the NUJS LL.B Programme to build an academic and professional career based on the values that made Reema such an impressive lawyer and human being.

**2. Number of Scholarships**

During any academic year of the NUJS LL.B Programme there will be one scholarship.

**3. Scholarship amount and benefits**

- The scholarship amount will be the total fee payable to NUJS by the selected candidate for the relevant academic year of the NUJS LL.B Programme.
- If the selected candidate is a student of either the third, fourth or the fifth year of the NUJS LL.B Programme, then the candidate will also be offered a one month internship in that academic year in one of the offices of Touchstone Partners.

**4. Eligibility**

- Any student from years one to five of the NUJS LL.B Programme is eligible to apply.
- Students availing of scholarship / financial assistance from any other source will not be eligible for assistance under this scholarship.
- A student who has been awarded the Reema Ray Memorial Scholarship for a previous academic year is also eligible to apply again for the scholarship in the current academic year.

**5. Application Process**

- Applications should be submitted **only by email** to [reemaray.scholarship@touchstonepartners.com](mailto:reemaray.scholarship@touchstonepartners.com).
- The application should include:

- A cover letter, preferably of no more than one page, which shall make out a case for the award of the scholarship based on the criteria described in paragraph 4 above and the applicant's academic and overall performance and economic need. Applicants who have applied for the scholarship for the previous academic year (i.e., academic year 2021-2022) should: (i) refer to their earlier cover letters and furnish only details of any updates to their credentials or changes in their family's financial position which they wish to highlight; and (ii) write a brief article (no more than 700 words) analysing a recent news article / concept relating to any field of law.
- A curriculum vitae of no more than one page.
- Letter from NUJS certifying that the applicant is a student enrolled in the NUJS LL.B Programme.
- Photocopy of the marksheet / CGPA scores of all previous academic years, attested by NUJS (applicable to all applicants except any applicants from the first year of the NUJS LL.B Programme).
- Photocopy of the Class 12 Board exam marksheet and the CLAT rank (applicable only to applicants from the first year of the NUJS LL.B Programme).
- In addition to the above, the applicants may be required to submit further documents that Touchstone Partners may request and may even be required to participate in an interview over the telephone.
- **Please note that the selection of the successful candidate under this scholarship is solely at the discretion of Touchstone Partners.**

**6. Period of submission**

For the academic year 2022-2023, the final date for receipt of the application is, **Thursday, 15 September 2022**. The selection of the successful candidate will be completed by **Friday, 30 September 2022**.