

## Judging Criteria

Alston & Bird management will select a group of attorneys and staff to review each essay. The winning essay is selected based on content, creativity, spelling and grammar. Financial need is not considered in awarding the scholarship. Relatives of Alston & Bird employees are not eligible for the scholarship.

Entries will be accepted from February 15, 2019, until 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2019. Entries must be submitted to [MWEssay@alston.com](mailto:MWEssay@alston.com). Late submissions will not be accepted and only one essay per student is allowed. Applicant's that do not meet all of the above requirements will be automatically disqualified without notification.

## About Alston & Bird LLP

Alston & Bird is a leading national *AmLaw* 20 firm. The firm has built a reputation as one of the country's best employers, appearing on FORTUNE magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For" list for 19 consecutive years, an unprecedented accomplishment among law firms in the United States.

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## MIKE WESTON MEMORIAL

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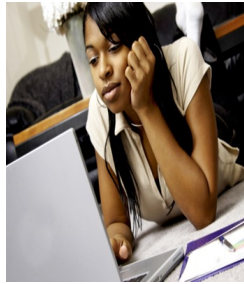
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## About the Mike Weston Memorial Scholarship

Alston & Bird LLP established the Mike Weston Memorial Scholarship in honor and memory of Special Agent and Major Michael (“Mike”) Edward Weston (December 29, 1971 to October 26, 2009). Major Weston, 37, of Washington, D.C., died in a helicopter crash in western Afghanistan on Oct. 26, 2009, where he was serving as a Special Agent for the US Drug Enforcement Agency. He previously served several tours of active duty in Iraq and other war zones as a Major in the United States Marine Corps. Mike was a dedicated Marine who understood the sacrifices that members of the Armed Services and their families make as part of their commitment to the military and service to our country. Born in Los Angeles, Major Weston was the son of retired Alston & Bird partner, Steven W. Weston.



### Essay Theme – What does it mean to you to be part of a military family?

Write a 500- to 700-word essay on “What does it mean to be part of a military family?” Each essay must be an original work written by the student and the student’s name must be included in the upper right corner of each page of the essay. Attach a separate cover page to the essay with the following information:

- Student's full name
- Home address including city and zip code
- A contact number (cell or home)
- An email address
- The name and contact number of student's parent or guardian
- The name of college or university you will attend in Fall 2019.



### Scholarship Requirements

To be eligible for the \$750 Mike Weston Memorial Scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

1. You will complete your senior year in high school during the 2018-2019 school year; or you are currently enrolled in a community college.
2. You are a legal resident of California.
3. Your parent, legal guardian or primary caregiver currently serves as an active member of the US Military (including reserves or National Guard if activated); or your parent, legal guardian or primary caregiver is retired from the US Military.
4. You have a minimum 3.0 grade average as certified by a school counselor.
5. You are admitted to a degree program at a college or university that you will attend starting in fall 2019.

