



OACTA Announces 2019 Law Student Inclusion & Equity Scholarship Recipients

Two (2) OACTA Law Student Inclusion & Equity Scholarships, each in the amount of \$2,500, have been awarded to: **Francesca Gottardi**, a student at the University of Cincinnati College of Law and **Alexander G. Haddad**, a student at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. These two students will be recognized at the OACTA Annual Meeting on November 21, 2019 at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown.

OACTA Law Student Inclusion & Equity Scholarships are open to the following incoming second and third year law students who are enrolled in an Ohio law school or are a permanent Ohio resident: Minority law students; LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning) law students, regardless of race or ethnicity; Female law students, regardless of race or ethnicity; or, Law students from economically impoverished families/backgrounds, regardless of race or ethnicity. The criteria include academic achievements; service to the community and to the cause of inclusion and equity; and experience or interest in a civil defense practice.

Funding for these scholarships is provided by The OACTA Foundation. The OACTA Foundation, established in 2016, is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, funding projects consistent with the mission of OACTA.

OACTA believes that a diverse membership makes a stronger organization. OACTA encourages inclusion and equity in all aspects of its activities and is committed to nurturing a culture that supports and promotes it. OACTA was nationally recognized as a recipient of the DRI State and Local Defense Organization Diversity Award.

Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients! Thank you to OACTA's Inclusion & Equity Committee, Chaired by Christopher Mars, for their efforts on this worthwhile initiative!