The Linda S. Weindruch Scholarship
by the
Iowa Taxpayers Association

The Scholarship. The Linda S. Weindruch Scholarship is a $5,000 scholarship awarded through the generosity of the Iowa Taxpayers Association. The scholarship provides financial support to a current third-year Drake Law School student who has demonstrated commitment to the principles of fair business taxation and achieved recognition through the attributes that epitomize Linda S. Weindruch: advocacy, leadership, fairness and a strong moral compass.

The scholarship is awarded by the Law School’s Office of Admission and Financial Aid based on student applications. In addition to the attributes listed above, the law student who receives the award must be in good standing academically. In addition to the scholarship, the recipient will be recognized at the annual meeting of the Iowa Taxpayers Association in December, and will be honored on a plaque in the Law School.

The Honoree, Linda S. Weindruch. This scholarship is in memory and in recognition of Linda S. Weindruch ‘83. Linda attended Drake Law after graduating from St. Ambrose College in Davenport. She earned her Drake JD with Honors and Order of the Coif, and went on to receive her LL.M. in Taxation from NYU.

Linda was an attorney, law school lecturer, noted Iowa tax authority, and advocate for the rights of disabled Americans. She served the Law School as a member of the Board of Counselors. One of her most notable
career achievements was her work involving the passage of the Iowa Taxpayers’ Procedural Bill of Rights. As chair of the Iowa Bar Association’s Taxation Section, Linda worked with the Iowa Department of Revenue, the governor’s office, and members of the General Assembly for passage of the bill that legally recognized certain fundamental procedural rights to which all Iowa taxpayers are entitled. She received the 1994 Iowa State Bar Association President’s Award in recognition for her work in its passage.

Linda was an active, long-time member of the Iowa Taxpayers Association, serving on its Board of Directors from 1994 until she passed away in 2004 after a long battle with multiple sclerosis.

Linda was a tremendous friend of Iowa business and worked diligently to develop and shape legislative and regulatory policy that supported sound taxation principles. She is remembered with great affection by those with whom she worked. She balanced the lawyer’s roles as zealous advocate and thoughtful analyst, and joyfully fulfilled the public service obligation of lawyers.

The Donor, The Iowa Taxpayers Association. The Iowa Taxpayers Association is a business-sponsored tax policy organization founded in 1935. Its mission is to educate and inform Iowans about sound fiscal policy; provide state policymakers with objective, nonpartisan research about the impact of specific tax and spending policies; and advocate for the adoption of rational public fiscal policy as it relates to business and corporate taxes.

The Process. The application for the Linda S. Weindruch Scholarship can be found at: http://www.law.drake.edu/students/?pageID=scholarships. Please note the scholarship deadline posted on this site.

If you have questions about The Linda S. Weindruch Scholarship or need additional information, please contact Ms. Kara Blanchard, Director of Admission and Financial Aid at 515.271.2782 or kara.blanchard@drake.edu.