This memorandum is to notify students in the February, May, and October 2016 J.D. graduating class, who wish to pursue graduate study in the field of taxation, of the application process for the Nelson T. Hartson Memorial Award. This annual $5,000 scholarship award is made to a graduating J.D. student from the Law Center on the basis of scholastic achievement and demonstrated interest in tax law. The scholarship must be used for “graduate study in a degree program permitting concentration in taxation selected by the recipient.” The graduate study may be undertaken on either a full-time or a part-time basis and, as indicated, it may be undertaken at any accredited institution. The scholarship is open to graduating students in the J.D./LL.M. joint degree program who propose to apply the scholarship funds to defray the tuition cost for the LL.M. phase of their studies. The recipient need not use the award immediately, so interested students may apply for the award even if they intend to delay graduate studies for a year or two.

The fund to support the award was donated by the law firm of Hogan Lovells as a memorial to its distinguished founding partner, who died in 1976 at the age of 88. Mr. Hartson entered the practice of law in 1912 and was an esteemed leader of the D.C. Bar until his retirement from active practice in 1972. He served as the senior partner of his law firm for 47 years and, for a time during the 1930s, was an Adjunct Professor of Taxation here at Georgetown.

Eligible individuals who wish to be considered as candidates for this year’s award are encouraged to apply. Copies of the application form may be obtained from the Office of Graduate Programs (Hotung Suite 5000) or on the Law Center Web at http://www.law.georgetown.edu/graduate/taxation.cfm. Completed applications will be reviewed by a faculty committee, which will forward the name of the winner to Dean Treanor. The winner of the Hartson Award will be listed in the final Law Center Commencement and Awards Booklet. **The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 15, 2016.**

Please contact me at ged5@law.georgetown.edu if you have any questions about the Hartson Award process.