

The University of the West Indies has honoured Makandal Daaga by naming a scholarship after him.

Daaga, the former political leader of the National Joint Action Committee (NJAC) and former revolutionary, died on August 8, 2016.

The UWI yesterday invited applications for the Makandal Daaga scholarship in law.

"The scholarship is named in honour of Makandal Daaga, liberator and social activist of Trinidad and Tobago, who spearheaded the Black Power Movement. Daaga's work focused on the central tenets of law, that is, equality, social justice and fairness. His advocacy and that of the several organisations he instituted, made significant impacts on areas that are of particular relevance to law and legal policy," The UWI said in a media release.

"Accordingly, the scholarship is aimed at creating lawyers who will be mean

ingful change agents working towards promoting justice and an egalitarian society. Suitable applicants will be persons with a discernible record of advocating for positive social change in their communities, through concrete work on issues of justice, equality, or democracy, whether in an NGO, governmental, or regional capacity, or in an individual capacity, the release added.

This is an equal opportunity scholarship. Candidates may be of any age, gender, race or Caricom nationality. Interested persons must include in their application an essay of no more than 350 words describing their work and activism, explaining how earning a law degree will enhance this work.

For more on the application guidelines visit www.sta.uwi.edu/scholarships. Applications close on May 8, 2017.

Applicants must also satisfy the matriculation requirements of The University of the West Indies and must simultaneously apply to the Faculty of Law by May 31, 2017.

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