

**2018 MINORITY LAW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP
SPONSORED BY J.L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION**

QUALIFICATIONS/ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:

- MUST BE A UNITED STATES CITIZEN OR PERMANENT LEGAL RESIDENT
- CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN AN ABA ACCREDITED LAW SCHOOL IN THE UNITED STATES AS A PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME STUDENT
- BE IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING AT THE LAW SCHOOL (PROOF OF ACADEMIC STANDING IS REQUIRED)
- MUST HAVE A MINIMUM GPA OF 3.0 FOR A MERIT SCHOLARSHIP OR 2.5 FOR A FINANCIAL NEED SCHOLARSHIP
- MUST BE A SECOND- OR THIRD-YEAR MINORITY LAW STUDENT WHO IS FROM THE DFW METROPLEX OR WHO ATTENDS A LAW SCHOOL IN THE DFW METROPLEX
- INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AND ALL MATERIALS MUST BE IN POSSESSION OF THE FOUNDATION PRIOR TO OR BY DEADLINE
- APPLICANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE J.L. TURNER FOUNDATION GALA TO ACCEPT THEIR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD IN PERSON

***** **DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 AT 11:59 PM CST** *****

For more than two decades, the J. L. Turner Legal Association Foundation has awarded scholarships to minority law students attending law school or who are from the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Sponsorships from the Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala are used to fund the scholarships.

There are two distinct types of JLTLA Foundation Minority Law Student Scholarships: MERIT-BASED and FINANCIAL NEED.

Merit-Based Minority Scholarships: There are four (4) JLTLA merit-based scholarships that may be awarded in a given year. These are primarily academic scholarship awards. The merit scholarships are as follows:

- **The Barbara Jordan Scholarship** - awarded to the most outstanding female minority law student.
- **The Fred Finch Scholarship** - awarded to the most outstanding male minority law student.
- **The Marie Trahan/Susman Godfrey Scholarship** - awarded to an outstanding African-American male or female law student who was born in or raised in the state of Texas.
- **The Judge's Scholarship (Phyllis Lister Brown Memorial Scholarship)** - awarded to either a male or female minority law student who has excelled academically.

MERIT-BASED APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- OFFICIAL SEALED LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT WITH GRADES CONFIRMING ENROLLMENT

- o UNOFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE TRANSCRIPT
- o PROOF OF ACADEMIC STANDING
- o LEGAL WRITING SAMPLE (5 PAGES OR LESS)
- o SEALED LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (maximum of one page, including signature, email, address, and phone number of reference; NO LETTERS FROM RELATIVES OR FELLOW LAW STUDENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED)
- o CURRENT RESUME THAT INCLUDES HONORS, ACTIVITIES OR PUBLICATIONS
- o BRIEF ESSAY DISCUSSING HOW YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GOALS ALIGN WITH THE MISSION OF THE J.L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION AND/OR THE J.L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION **(one page, double-spaced, 500 words maximum)**

Financial-Need Minority Scholarships: Although JLTLA Foundation encourages academic excellence, the need-based scholarships focus on financial need and are not primarily academic scholarships. In selecting financial-need scholarship winners, we will consider an applicant's need, disadvantaged circumstances, community involvement, and other factors, in addition to merely, academic standing.

FINANCIAL-NEED APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- o SEALED OFFICIAL LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT WITH GRADES CONFIRMING ENROLLMENT
- o LEGAL WRITING SAMPLE (5 PAGES OR LESS)
- o DETAILED FINANCIAL STATEMENT THAT ITEMIZES ALL OF YOUR CURRENT SOURCES OF INCOME, INCLUDING ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OR SCHOLARSHIPS RECEIVED, AND YOUR EXPENSES
- o LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (maximum of one page, including signature, email, address, and phone number of reference; NO LETTERS FROM RELATIVES OR FELLOW LAW STUDENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED)
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(Applicant Signature)

(Date)

Please return all application materials via email, **except** the official law school transcript, which should be mailed (see info below on mailing official transcript). PLEASE SEND ITEMS REQUESTED BY EMAIL TO: Diana Bandoh (diana.bandoh@gs.com) and Jade Mens (jade@thelawgem.com) with the subject: 2018 – 2019 JLTLAF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION.

(1) Completed Application and Required Attachments (SEND VIA EMAIL IN SINGLE PDF FILE)

(2) Certified copy of law school transcript (if your transcript does not show class rank or standing, please provide additional documentation to verify your class rank, such as a letter from the Dean). **PLEASE MAIL CERTIFIED COPY OF LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT TO: J. L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION, ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, P.O. BOX 130987, DALLAS, TX 75313-0987. **MUST BE RECEIVED BY APPLICATION DEADLINE; POSTMARKED BY DEADLINE IS INSUFFICIENT.****

(3) Student Biography (5-7 sentences in length and written in third person for inclusion in gala booklet, if selected). **(SEND VIA EMAIL)**

(4) Professional Photograph (3 x 5 or larger of head and shoulders, photograph should be suitable for inclusion in a professional publication (business formal attire preferred)). **(SEND VIA EMAIL)**

****PLEASE NOTE THAT INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.****

ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN A SINGLE PDF DOCUMENT.

**COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKETS MUST BE RECEIVED VIA EMAIL ON OR BEFORE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 AT 11:59 PM., CENTRAL STANDARD TIME.**

For more information about J. L. Turner Foundation and/or the scholarship, visit www.jlturnerfoundation.org or contact:

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