



**2019 MINORITY LAW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP  
SPONSORED BY J.L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION**

**QUALIFICATIONS/ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:**

- 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
- GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING AT THE LAW SCHOOL (PROOF OF ACADEMIC STANDING IS REQUIRED)
- A MINIMUM GPA OF 3.0 FOR A MERIT SCHOLARSHIP OR 2.5 FOR A FINANCIAL NEED SCHOLARSHIP
- SECOND OR THIRD YEAR MINORITY LAW STUDENT FROM THE DFW METROPLEX OR ATTENDING LAW SCHOOL IN THE DFW METROPLEX
- SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE J.L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION GALA (SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019) TO ACCEPT THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD IN PERSON

**\*\*\*DEADLINE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 AT 5:00 PM CST\*\*\***

**\*\*INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED  
\*\*ALL MATERIALS MUST BE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE FOUNDATION  
BY DEADLINE**

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 applicant.
- **The Fred Finch Scholarship** - awarded to the most outstanding male minority law student applicant.
- **The Marie Trahan/Susman Godfrey Scholarship** - awarded to an outstanding African-American male or female law student born or raised in the state of Texas.
- **The Judge's Scholarship (Phyllis Lister Brown Memorial Scholarship)** - awarded to 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
- UNOFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE TRANSCRIPT
- PROOF OF ACADEMIC STANDING
- LEGAL WRITING SAMPLE (5 pages or less)
- LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (maximum of one page, including signature, email, address, and phone number of references; *Letters from relatives or fellow law students will NOT be accepted.*)
- CURRENT RESUME THAT INCLUDES HONORS, ACTIVITIES, AND PUBLICATIONS
- 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.

- **Capt. Richard Stewart, JAG Corp. U.S. Navy (Ret.) Legal Education Scholarship (NEWLY ENDOWED)** – awarded to an outstanding minority law student with demonstrated financial need who: (1) currently serves or was honorably discharged from a branch of the U.S. military, as evidenced by a valid DD214; (2) is a child of a U.S. military veteran, as evidenced by a valid DD214; or (3) is a current member of, or has been accepted and plans to enter, the U.S. JAG Corp.

**FINANCIAL NEED APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- OFFICIAL SEALED LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT WITH GRADES CONFIRMING ENROLLMENT
- LEGAL WRITING SAMPLE (5 pages or less)
- DETAILED FINANCIAL STATEMENT THAT ITEMIZES ALL CURRENT SOURCES OF INCOME, INCLUDING ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OR SCHOLARSHIPS, AND EXPENSES
- LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (maximum of one page, including signature, email, address, and phone number of references; *Letters from relatives or fellow law students will NOT be accepted.*)
- CURRENT RESUME THAT INCLUDES HONORS, ACTIVITIES, AND PUBLICATIONS
- 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)
- DD214 (Military Scholarship Applicants ONLY)



**2019 MINORITY LAW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

FINANCIAL NEED APPLICANT     MERIT-BASED APPLICANT    [INDICATE FINANCIAL, MERIT, OR BOTH]

U.S. CITIZEN: YES  NO       PERMANENT RESIDENT: YES  NO

AFRICAN/AFRICAN-AMERICAN       HISPANIC       ASIAN

OTHER (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street/P.O. Box)      (City, State and Zip Code)

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_      DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT ADDRESS (If different from above)

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E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

LAW SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_    CLASS RANK \_\_\_\_\_    1L 2L 3L (Circle One)    EXPECTED GRAD DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BLSA MEMBER: YES  NO  (If similar organization, please name): \_\_\_\_\_

UNDERGRADUATE  
INSTITUTION \_\_\_\_\_      GPA \_\_\_\_\_

EXPLAIN YOUR CONNECTION TO THE DALLAS-FORT WORTH METROPLEX

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DID YOU FILE A FAFSA FORM THIS YEAR? (Financial Need Applicants ONLY) YES  NO   
(If yes, please include your Student Aid Report with your application).

MILITARY SERVICE (YOU/PARENT) ? YES  NO       BRANCH \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF SERVICE? (Active, Reserve, JAG, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICE DATES: \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU EVER RECEIVED A JLTAF SCHOLARSHIP? YES  NO   
If yes, when and what amount? \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO ATTEND THE JLTAF GALA THIS YEAR? YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

*The J.L. Turner Scholarship is given to U.S. citizens and permanent residents.*

*By signing this application, you attest that the information contained herein is true and correct.*

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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: JLTLAF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ([jtlafscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:jtlafscholarship@gmail.com)) with the subject: 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  
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
2101 Ross Avenue  
DALLAS, TX 75201

**\*\*MUST BE RECEIVED BY APPLICATION DEADLINE; POSTMARK IS INSUFFICIENT\*\***

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

**(4) Professional Photograph** (Hi-resolution photo (in .JPG format) of head and shoulders; photograph should be suitable for inclusion in a professional publication (business attire preferred)). **(SEND VIA EMAIL)**

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

**COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKETS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE  
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For more information about J. L. Turner Foundation and/or the scholarship, please visit [www.jlturnerfoundation.org](http://www.jlturnerfoundation.org) or contact:

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**2019 JLTLAF Scholarship Committee:** [jtlafscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:jtlafscholarship@gmail.com)

**2019 Association President Hon. Erin Nowell:** [jtlapresident@gmail.com](mailto:jtlapresident@gmail.com)