

BIRMINGHAM BAR ASSOCIATION

2018

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DEADLINE: Must be received or postmarked by October 31, 2017

The Birmingham Bar Association (“BBA”) offers two (2) \$2,500 scholarships to **second and third** year law students attending any one of the four law schools within the BBA geographic area: Birmingham School of Law, Cumberland School of Law, Miles Law School, and the University of Alabama School of Law. The Scholarship Committee will award these scholarships to applicants demonstrating financial need who intend to practice law in the City of Birmingham. In addition, the committee will consider (in no particular order) the factors listed below. The scholarship will be awarded at the beginning of the Spring 2018 semester, and payment will be made directly to the awardees’ law school.

FACTORS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

The following factors will be considered, with no one factor given more weight than another, with the exception that all scholarship awardees must have demonstrated financial need.

1. Community involvement.
2. Work Experience.
3. Unique life experiences.
4. Academic record and potential.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants **must scan and e-mail** the following completed application package to: Alyssa Prater at aprater@birminghambar.org* for receipt **not later than October 31, 2017**

- Completed, signed application** (either typed or neatly handwritten; applications may be downloaded at www.birminghambar.org);
- Current resume or curriculum vitae, including current employment and summer clerkships;
- Most recent law school transcript;
- Two letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with your legal experience, your academic record, your financial need and/or your community involvement. No more than one of the two letters may be from a college or law school professor or other academic staff.

* This address should be used for any questions regarding this application.

** Incomplete applications will not be considered.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

School Address: _____

Phone: _____ (Cell) _____ (Home) Email: _____

Permanent Address: _____

ACADEMIC & COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

Undergraduate School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Major: _____ Degree: _____ GPA: _____

Law School: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Academic Honors, Community Involvement and Activities (unless listed on resume): _____

Military Background (if you have served in the armed forces, please provide the branch of service, dates served and current status): _____

FINANCIAL NEED

The BBA provides these scholarships on the basis of need. The following questions are designed to ensure that the awardee has such a need, and the BBA appreciates your candor in responding. Please elaborate on these answers in the personal narrative section if it would help the BBA render its decision.

How are you paying for law school and associated expenses? _____

Is anyone other than yourself assisting you with paying for law school, related expenses, and/or living expenses? _____

How much student loan debt do you have from your undergraduate education? _____

PERSONAL NARRATIVE

This brief narrative section should tell the scholarship committee why one of the two BBA Scholarships should be awarded to you. Please address the following subjects, as applicable: (1) your financial situation, including your current educational debt, your financial support, your financial obligations, how you expect to finance the remainder of law school, and other facts demonstrating genuine financial need; (2) your post-graduate intentions; (3) your community experiences and involvement; (4) your academic record, addressing any outside factors explaining low grades; (5) your life experience and vision for your law practice; and (6) any other factors you believe the committee will find relevant. The narrative may **be no more than two (2) pages in length, and please attach it to this application package.**

I certify that the information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that it is my intention to practice law in the City of Birmingham upon admission into the Alabama State Bar.

_____ Date: _____
(Signature of Applicant)