



## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEW APPLICANT**

An applicant for the V.I. Bar Association Scholarship must be a college graduate (or plan to graduate prior to being awarded a scholarship) who has been accepted to or is attending a law school approved by the American Bar Association. The applicant must be a permanent resident of the United States Virgin Islands and have plans to engage in the practice of law in the Virgin Islands within three (3) years of graduation. Each successful applicant shall agree to a commitment of one (1) year for each year an award is received.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEW APPLICATION**

Please supply all information requested on this form, plus the following:

1. A letter of acceptance to a law school approved by the American Bar Association. Applicants must take the required number of credits as deemed necessary by the law school attending to be considered a full time student
2. Three letters of recommendation, one from a former college or law school professor and the rest not from a relative related by blood or marriage.
3. An essay on your career objectives in the U.S. Virgin Islands and how the schooling you plan will prepare you to attain these goals. (Essay must be typewritten.)
4. An official copy of your undergraduate college transcript. If presently attending law school, a copy of your latest official transcript, as well as your undergraduate college transcript.
  - a. Applicants who are already attending law school must have a grade point average of at least 2.75. If your school does not grade on a 4.0 system, it is incumbent upon the applicant to clearly demonstrate that they fulfill the 2.75 requirement.
  - b. Applicants who have not started law school must have an undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.25. If your school does not grade on a 4.0 system, it is incumbent upon the applicant to clearly demonstrate that they fulfill the 3.25 requirement.

5. A copy of your Student Financial Aid form [FAF], or the equivalent thereof.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION RENEWAL**

Please bring up to date all information requested on this form, plus the following:

1. A copy of your latest official transcript.
2. A copy of your Student Financial Aid form [FAF], or the equivalent thereof.

The monies awarded to the successful candidate will be in the form of a grant, provided the successful applicant returns to practice law in the Virgin Islands. However, if the recipient does not return to practice law in the Virgin Islands within three (3) years of graduation, the grant will become an interest bearing loan at the rate of nine percent (9%) per annum.

Completed application must be mailed to the following address:

VIRGIN ISLANDS BAR ASSOCIATION  
Scholarship Committee Chair  
Post Office Box 224108  
Christiansted, St. Croix  
U.S. Virgin Islands 00822

**DEADLINE:** Applications, including all information requested pursuant to the foregoing instructions, must be postmarked no later than **June 30** for **Fall awards** and **November 15** for **Spring awards**. Please note that applicants can supplement their applications, if necessary, and submit grades and acceptance letters subsequent to the deadline, provided a letter of intent is included with the application.

**Failure to submit all information requested** will result in a **rejection** of the applicant's application.

**V.I. BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**Scholarship Application**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

EXPENSES PER SEMESTER

Tuition	\$_____
University Fee	_____
Room	_____
Board	_____
Personal	_____
Transportation (air & ground)	_____
Books & Supplies	_____
Bar Review Materials	_____
Medical	_____
Student Activity Fee	_____
Health Service Fee	=====
 Total Expenses per Semester	=====

Matching Funds:

Law School Scholarship/Grant Please identify source(s) _____ _____ _____	_____
Student Loan Please identify source(s) _____ _____ _____	_____
Student Contribution Please identify source, or sources, (i.e., savings, family, etc.) _____ _____ _____	_____
 Total Funds:	=====

**A. TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT: (PLEASE TYPE - BE SURE TO FILL IN ALL BLANKS)**

1. Name:(last name) \_\_\_\_\_  
(first name) \_\_\_\_\_  
(middle initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex: M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ . If not a U.S. citizen, are you a permanent resident? \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Current Address:  
Street or Box No. \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Years at present address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address in the V.I.:  
Street or Box No. \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Years at present address: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Dependent(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
What is your contribution to the support of said Dependent(s)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Local Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. SCHOOLING**

1. List in order (beginning with last school attended) schools attended in the last four years:

NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	DATES ATTENDED	DEGREE
_____	_____	_____	_____
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**C. LAW SCHOOL**

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2. Which school do you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	CITY & STATE	YES	PENDING
1 <sup>ST</sup> CHOICE: _____			
2 <sup>ND</sup> CHOICE _____			

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**D. FAMILY INFORMATION: (If you were domiciled with your parent(s) at any time over the past five years for any period of time, please complete 3-10.)**

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3. Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Living \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Living \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

4. Home Address:	Telephone Number:
_____	( ) ____ - ____
(Father)	
_____	( ) ____ - ____
(Mother)	

5. Present occupation of parent(s):  
Father \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name and address of parent(s) employer(s):  
Father \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother \_\_\_\_\_

7. Total income before taxes for last calendar year:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Father)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Mother)

8. Please list names and ages of all children in your family:

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9. Names of those presently attending elementary, high school and/or college:

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10. Cost of tuition for one year for each child listed in 9 above:

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**E. FAMILY INFORMATION: (Spousal information to be completed only if the applicant is married 11-18.)**

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11. Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Living \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

12. Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Spouse) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

13. Present occupation:  
Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

14. Name and address of employer(s):  
Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

15. Total income before taxes for last calendar year:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse)

16. Please list names and ages of all children in your family:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

17. Names of those presently attending elementary, high school and/or college:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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18. Cost of tuition for one year for each child listed in 17 above:  
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**F. EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE: (If additional space is needed, please use a plain sheet of white paper).**

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19. Please list jobs (including summer employment) you have held in the last 3 years:

JOB TITLE & WORK PERFORMED	EMPLOYER'S NAME & ADDRESS	DATES EMPLOYED	WAGES
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**G. MILITARY: (If you have ever served in the military, please complete this section)**

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20. Military service dates: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_  
Branch of service \_\_\_\_\_ Serial Num. \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Discharge Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of discharge \_\_\_\_\_  
If disabled, what is disability rating? \_\_\_\_\_

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**H. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS:**

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21. List your extracurricular activities and interests in order of importance:

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22. List any honors or distinctions you have received:

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**PLEASE CHECK CAREFULLY TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE FILLED IN ALL BLANKS. ANSWER FULLY AND COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS.**

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(PARENTS SIGNATURE REQUIRED FOR APPLICANTS UNDER 21)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father's (or guardian's) Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's (or guardian's) Signature



**APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION**

I \_\_\_\_\_ declare under penalty of perjury that all of the information contained in this proposal for financial assistance is correct and true to the best of my knowledge.

I affirm that I am a permanent resident of the U.S. Virgin Islands and that I plan to engage in the practice of law in the U.S. Virgin Islands and, if I do not return to practice law in the U.S. Virgin Islands within 3 years after graduation from law school, I understand that the **grant will become a loan repayable with interest at the rate of 9% per annum** accruing from the date of receipt of the funds.

I agree that the decision on applicant selection is solely within the discretion of the Scholarship Committee of the Virgin Islands Bar Association, and I agree to be bound by that decision without further review of Committee selection.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_