



Our Mission: *To Promote Diversity and Inclusion by Bringing Awareness and Providing Support to the Underrepresented Sectors of the Legal Community.*

Advocates who Advocate.

2011 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Diversity Scholarship Foundation (“DSF”) was established in March of 2008, and is a not-for-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

To fulfill its mission, the DSF seeks to financially assist underprivileged and underrepresented minorities and persons with disabilities in attending law school.

As part of achieving its goals, the DSF will award three (3) scholarships annually to law students who have demonstrated a commitment to serving the needs of the Chicago-area diverse communities, and who will continue to do so through pro bono work, public interest careers and other volunteer work that serve the under-represented communities. In 2011, the DSF plans to award scholarships totaling \$10,000 to law students who have demonstrated that commitment.

The Diversity Scholarship Foundation, NFP supports students seeking a career in the legal profession who have maintained a high GPA and are actively participating or supporting diversity related programs.

\$5,000– Jerold S. Solovy Diversity Scholarship Award

This Scholarship will be awarded to a student who actively advocates for diversity within the Chicago area legal community and works to bring focus to those who do pro-bono work within their community. Students are required to submit an article on their views about “diversity within the legal community” and maintain a 3.8 GPA.

\$3,000– Public Interest Advocate Scholarship Award

This Scholarship will be awarded to a law student who is interested in pursuing a career in public service or a student who is actively involved with a not-for-profit agency that represents the needy and the underprivileged. Eligible students maintain a 3.5 GPA.

\$2,000– LSAT Scholarship Award

This Scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate student who is actively applying to an accredited law school in the Chicago area, or is a recent graduate with a four-year degree and is taking the LSAT. Eligible students maintain a 3.5 GPA. The award will be sent directly to LSAT or to a law school and/or to a LSAT class provider and/or tutoring for LSAT.

The DSF reserves the right to waive the GPA requirements to well-deserving students, who tirelessly advocate for diversity.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- ✓ US Citizen or authorized to work in the United States
- ✓ Currently attending an ABA accredited law school within the United States
- ✓ Excellent academic performance during college and law school
- ✓ Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- ✓ Leadership qualities and community involvement
- ✓ Member of a diverse population that has been historically underrepresented in the legal profession

2011 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

In order to apply for the DSF Scholarships, please submit the attached application as well as the following materials:

1. Completed and signed application (see below);
2. Your resume;
3. A copy of your most recent law school transcript;
4. Three (3) letters of recommendations (from persons not related to you—e.g. Deans, Professors, employers are given preference);
5. An essay (not to exceed 5 pages, double spaced) explaining how you have demonstrated a commitment to serve the needs of the Chicago-area diverse community and how you plan to continue to serve the needs of the Chicago-area Diverse community in the future or an essay about your thoughts about diversity in our legal community or the community-at-large; and
6. (Optional) A copy of your application to your law school for financial assistance.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- * All applications **MUST** be received by **April 30, 2011.**
- * Applications and resumes must be submitted via email to tnovak17@yahoo.com
- * Submit any questions via email to tnovak17@yahoo.com
- * Note: Persons who have previously received a scholarship from this program are ineligible.

Please note that if you do not submit all required information, your application will not be considered by the DSF. For questions or more information, please contact: tnovak17@yahoo.com

Income:

Are you a dependant of your parents or any other person(s)? If yes, how much do you receive annually?

Your current occupation and annual income:

What other source of income will you receive while attending law school? Please state amount, type, and expected duration of income. Examples of additional income are government benefits, dividends, rental income, investments, employer-employee reimbursement, grants, work-study programs, family contribution, etc.

If you are self-supporting, please indicate number of dependents:

Assets:

Do you own real estate? YES or NO If yes, please list type, fair market value, and equity, if any.

Do you own a business or partnership? YES or NO If yes, please list type of business(es) and annual net income.

Do you have other assets which are income producing? If yes, please list and provide annual net income.

Expenses:

What are your monthly expenses?

Mortgage/Rent (please indicate type):

Utilities: includes light, gas, and telephone:

Car loan and expenses: (please indicate year and model)

Other living expenses: (please indicate type)

Child or dependent care:

Contribution to family

Total credit card payments:

School tuition:

School books:

Other:

TOTAL:

Please discuss any other facts or information (financial or otherwise) that you believe is relevant to your application. (Please use additional page if necessary.)

Community Involvement: (Please attach additional page if necessary.)

The Foundation awards scholarships to students who have financial need, who have demonstrated a commitment to the advancement of diversity within the legal community, **and who have distinguished themselves academically**. Discuss your involvement in and/or commitment to the community. Describe how you plan to contribute to the legal community and/or the community at large after you graduate from law school.

Please provide two references and contact information.

Name: Position:

Address:

Tel.:

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The Diversity Scholarship Foundation

Embracing Diversity – Leading by Example

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NAME: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: Home _____ Cell _____

E-MAIL: _____

LAW SCHOOL NAME: _____

LAW SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

EXPECTED YEAR OF GRADUATION: _____

ARE YOU THE FIRST PERSON IN
YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY TO
ATTEND LAW SCHOOL IN THE U.S.?

Yes

No

WHICH SCHOLARSHIP ARE YOU
APPLYING FOR?

____ Diversity Scholarship

____ Public Advocate Scholarship

____ LSAT for Diverse Students Scholarship

I, the undersigned applicant, understand that if I am awarded a Diversity Scholarship Foundation Scholarship, I must be enrolled in good standing at least half-time in an ABA- or AALS-accredited law school at the time of award. By accepting the award, I also agree to have my photo taken and published, along with my identity and credentials in any and all DSF marketing materials.

I understand that I must comply with all stated policies and conditions of the Scholarship, and that the funds awarded are to be used only for tuition, course-related expenses, or reasonable living expenses while enrolled in law school.

I understand that my failure to comply with all DSF policies and conditions of the Scholarship may result in the forfeiture of the entirety or a portion of the Scholarship award. In such event, I will return the entirety or required portion of the Scholarship monies to DSF promptly upon written demand. Failure to return these monies may result in collection efforts and legal action against me. To the extent allowable by law, the recipient will be responsible for all costs, fees, and expenses incurred by the DSF in seeking recovery of the award monies.

I understand that officers and directors of DSF, members of the Scholarship selection committee, and their immediate families are ineligible for the Scholarships. I also understand that all materials submitted to DSF will become property of DSF and that the DSF reserves the right to issue public announcements regarding Scholarship award winners and to publish their essays.

I certify that all statements and information contained herein and in all application materials submitted by me are true, correct, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that the essay attached hereto was written solely by me and is my original work.

I understand that all applicants are required to appear for a personal interview.

Signature of Applicant

Dated: _____, 20__

Subscribed and sworn to or acknowledged before me:

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____