



February 4, 2019

Dear Law Student:

The Garden State Bar Association (GSBA) cordially invites you to apply to be one of our 2019 Scholarship Recipients. The Scholarship **will be awarded on Saturday, June 15, 2019** at our 44th Annual Scholarship & Awards Gala.

The GSBA was created to support African-American and other attorneys of color to gain and maintain permanence in the legal profession in the State of New Jersey. In an effort to give back to the community, more than twenty-five (25) years ago, the GSBA created a Scholarship Fund to help African-American law students attending schools in New Jersey. Traditionally, one student from each of New Jersey's law schools was chosen to receive a scholarship. However, the GSBA has expanded the scholarship program to permit New Jersey residents attending law schools outside of New Jersey to apply.

In order to apply for the scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled in a New Jersey law school or be a New Jersey resident enrolled in an accredited law school in another state;
- A full-time first or second-year student, or a part-time first, second or third-year student (**May 2019 graduates are not eligible**);
- In good academic standing (an official certificate of good standing must accompany the application);
- Demonstration of financial need;
- Significant involvement in law school and community activities that benefit the African-American community;
- Submission of a Scholarship Application;
- Submission of a current resume;
- Submission of an official Certificate of Good Standing;
- Submission of Biography (no more than a single page); and
- **Official sealed copy of current Law School Transcript, postmarked no later than March 8, 2019, to be mailed to: Sobande F. Afolabi, Esq., c/o GSBA Scholarship Committee, 48 Allen Street, Irvington, NJ 07111.**
- Except for Official Law School Transcript, application materials must be emailed in PDF format to 2019gsbascholarship@gmail.com as **one submission** and received no later than **March 22, 2019 at 11:59pm EST**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. **DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019. ALL MATERIALS, INCLUDING TRANSCRIPT, MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 5, 2019.**

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- Tentatively, required interviews with the Scholarship Committee will be scheduled for the week of **April 8, 2019**.

In addition to the above, all applications will be judged based upon their content, clarity, ability to follow directions and professionalism. It is our intent to award at least three scholarships. However, the Scholarship Committee reserves the right to award more or less scholarships based on the amount of funding available and/or strength of applicants' submitted materials.

Qualified law students who are interested in applying can download the application from the GSBA's website at: www.gardenstatebar.org/scholarship-1.

All applicants will receive a confirmation email acknowledging receipt of your application materials and law school transcript.

All successful scholarship recipients will be notified by email and regular mail on or before **April 30, 2019**. Please be advised that each scholarship recipient will be expected to attend the GSBA's 44th Annual Scholarship & Awards Gala on June 15, 2019 as a guest of the GSBA.

If you have any questions about the application, the requirements or process for applying, please contact the Scholarship Committee at 2019gsbascholarship@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Sobande F. Afolabi, Esq.
Scholarship Committee, Chairman

Dara Aquila Govan, Esq.
President

William Rogers, Esq.
President-Elect



2018-2019 GSBA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____
[First] [M.I.] [Last]

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS _____
[Street]

[City/Town] [State] [Zip Code]

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____
(If different than current) [Street]

[City/Town] [State] [Zip Code]

TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Day: _____ Evening: _____ Cell: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ @ _____

NAME OF LAW SCHOOL _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____
[Street]

[City/Town] [State] [Zip Code]

FULL TIME: 1ST YR [] 2ND YR []

PART TIME: 1ST YR [] 2ND YR [] 3RD YR []

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A GSBA SCHOLARSHIP? NO [] YES [] If yes, what year? _____ Amount? \$ _____

ARE YOU CURRENTLY RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID? YES [] NO []

SOURCE OF FINANCIAL AID (PLEASE INCLUDE TYPE AND AMOUNT):

GRANTS: _____

LOANS: _____

OTHER: _____

ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, PLEASE ADDRESS EACH OF THE FOLLOWING IN THE FORM OF AN ESSAY:

1. LAW SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (UNDER EACH ACTIVITY, LIST YOUR INVOLVEMENT).
2. EXTRACURRICULAR/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN THE LAST 3 YEARS (UNDER EACH ACTIVITY, LIST YOUR INVOLVEMENT).
3. LIST ANY HONORS OR SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS YOU HAVE RECEIVED, INCLUDING DATE AND BASIS OF RECOGNITION.
4. DESCRIBE IN DETAIL WHAT YOUR GOALS ARE UPON GRADUATION AND 5 YEARS THEREAFTER? (2 PAGE LIMIT)
5. DESCRIBE IN YOUR OWN WORDS WHY YOU NEED THIS SCHOLARSHIP AND HOW YOU PLAN TO USE IT. (2 PAGE LIMIT)
6. TWO (2) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM INDIVIDUALS IN THE LEGAL COMMUNITY OR COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO CAN SPEAK TO YOUR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND/OR YOUR CHARACTER. (LETTERS CAN NOT BE FROM A FAMILY MEMBER.)

THIS APPLICATION AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION (OTHER THAN YOUR LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ONE PACKAGE, SCANNED AND EMAILED IN PDF FORMAT NO LATER THAN **MARCH 22, 2019** to: 2019gsbascholarship@gmail.com.

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2019 GSBA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

I, _____, a law school student at _____, certify that the information I have provided in response to the 2019 GSBA Scholarship Application is true and accurate. I am aware that if any statement or information provided by me in this scholarship application or any supplemental information is willfully false, I will be disqualified from any further consideration and may be subject to return any scholarship award received.

Additionally, if I am selected as a 2019 GSBA Scholarship Recipient, I give GSBA express consent to publish my name, photo and likeness on its website and other social media outlets, and in its Souvenir Journal and/or other materials associated with GBSA's scholarships, programs, presentations and initiatives.

Signature _____

Date _____



2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

All materials must be submitted on or before the due date (March 22, 2019 by 11:59pm EST). Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered. **DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO APRIL 5, 2019. ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 5, 2019.**

- Completed 2019 Scholarship Application
- Current Resume
- Certificate of Good Standing
- One-page Biography
- List of Law School Activities
- List of Extracurricular/Community Activities in the last 3 years
- List of any Honors or Special Recognitions
- Description of your goals upon graduation and 5 years thereafter (2 page limit)
- Description of why you need this scholarship and how you plan to use it (2 page limit)
- Ordered Official Current Law School Transcript from Registrar's Office. Transcript must be sealed, sent directly from the Law School, and mailed to: Sobande F. Afolabi, Esq., c/o GSBA Scholarship Committee, 48 Allen Street, Irvington, NJ 07111.
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Signed Certification
- Except for Law School Transcript, all materials were emailed as one submission to _____ on _____, 2019.
- Acknowledgment of emailed submission was received on _____, 2019.
- Acknowledgment of receipt of Transcript was received on _____, 2019.

Please do not submit this Checklist with your application.