



MAGIC CITY
BAR ASSOCIATION
1984 - BIRMINGHAM

P.O. Box 12501 – Birmingham, AL 35201

August 28, 2020

Dear BLSA Presidents and Advisors:

The Magic City Bar Association ("MCBA") was created in 1984 in response to a need to promote the professional advancement of African-American attorneys, to foster improvement of economic conditions, to protect the civil and political rights of all citizens, and to uphold the honor and integrity of the legal profession. To date, the MCBA Foundation has awarded thousands of dollars in scholarship assistance to students attending Birmingham School of Law, Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, Jones School of Law, Miles Law School, and the University of Alabama School of Law.

This year, the MCBA plans to award at least \$10,000 in scholarships to deserving minority students attending law schools in the State of Alabama. Two (2) scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 will be awarded for the best submissions received from second year law ("2L") students and one (1) \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded for the best submission from a third year law ("3L") student. The MCBA also hopes to award several \$1000 scholarship to a minority student, 2L or 3L, at each of the five Alabama law schools dependent upon receipt of applications from the respective schools.

The 2020 Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2020 scholarship competition. *See the enclosed flyer and application form for sharing with your minority students.* The application deadline is 11:59 CST on **Friday, September 25, 2020.**

We will announce and honor Scholarship recipients during the MCBA Annual Scholarship Banquet. Recipients will be informed of their award prior to the banquet. Pertinent information below:

When: **Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.**
Where: **Virtual (Streamed on internet and social media accounts)**

Please circulate this packet to your respective memberships. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at contact@magiccitybarassociation.org.

Respectfully,

Christopher Burrell

2020 MCBA President

&

Sidney Jackson

Chair, Scholarship Committee



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2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Email _____
First Middle Last

Address _____
House & Street or P.O. Box Number City State Zip

Phone Number _____ Law School _____ 2L or 3L _____

Required Attachments

- 1. *Resume:*** Please attach your most recent resume. Your resume should contain information regarding the following:
 - *Education:* List in order of attendance all colleges, universities, graduate and professional schools you have attended, the dates of attendance and the degree(s) conferred
 - *Work Experience.*
 - *Law School:* GPA, all past and present membership in Law School organizations, including student organizations, Law Review(s), Journal(s), Trial Team(s), Moot Court, etc. Indicate offices held.
 - *Community Involvement:* List your community involvement activities and any hobbies or interests you have.
 - *Awards/Honors:* All scholarships, awards and other honors received during law school.
- 2. *Letter of Good Standing:*** Please provide a letter of good standing from your law school certifying that you are currently enrolled as a law student and including the number of credit hours you have taken.
- 3. *Writing Sample:*** Please provide a previously graded legal writing sample. The sample must be no less than two (2) typewritten pages, and no more than eight (8) typewritten double-spaced pages, and the font may be no larger than 12 point-font.
Please indicate the class you submitted the paper for, the name of the professor and the approximate date of the original submission. You may revise your writing sample if you choose. You may also reduce the length of the original document so that the submission fits our page requirements if necessary. Please type your name and the title of document at the top of each page of the writing sample.
- 4. *Personal Essay:*** Please provide a one (1) page personal statement describing yourself and your future career goals.
- 5. *MCBA Membership Application and Dues:*** <https://magiccitybarassociation.org/online-membership> (your 2020 student membership is complimentary)

Please note that your writing sample and personal essay will be evaluated based on your ability to persuasively support your position and your ability to present your position in a cogent manner addressing applicable legal issues when appropriate.



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When and How to Submit Your Application
by e-mail or fax by 11:59 CST on Friday, Sept. 25, 2020

1. Please type your name and the title of document on the top of every page of the Writing Sample and Personal Essay.
2. Submission Methods:
 - a. **Email:** Save as PDF only and email completed packet to:
contact@magiccitybarassociation.org and sjackson@wigginschilds.com
 - b. **Fax:** Submit completed packet by fax to (205) 918-8041.

Honor Pledge

On my honor as a student, I have neither given nor received aid on this submission and I certify that all information is correct, to the best of my knowledge. The work presented is my own and I have not relied on the help of any outside source material or any other individual's original work without proper citation and/or attribution. I further understand that failure to adhere to these requirements can result in disqualification.

Signature

Date: