

BIRMINGHAM BAR ASSOCIATION
Spring 2021 Term
Scholarship Application

Must be received by Friday, October 16, 2020 at 12:00 pm (Noon)

We are pleased to announce that the Birmingham Bar Association (“BBA”) will award scholarships to 2nd and 3rd year law students attending either Birmingham School of Law, Cumberland School of Law, Miles Law School or the University of Alabama School of Law.

Scholarships are awarded to applicants who demonstrate financial need and who intend to practice law in the metro Birmingham area.

In addition, the factors listed below are taken into consideration by the reviewing committee.

The scholarships will be awarded at the beginning of the Spring 2021 term, and payment will be made directly to the awardees’ law schools.

FACTORS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

The following factors will be considered, with no one factor given more weight than another.

*Financial need must be demonstrated.

1. Financial Need*
2. Community involvement
2. Work Experience
3. Unique life experiences
4. Academic record

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants **must scan and e-mail** the following completed application package to at aprater@birninghambar.org by **12:00 pm (Noon) on Friday, October 16, 2020**.

- Completed, signed application form (see below). Don’t forget your narrative. Incomplete applications will not be considered
- Current resumé 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. Only one letter may be from a college or law school professor or other academic staff. The letters should be emailed separately from your application, directly by the individual who is writing the letter.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

School Address: _____

Phone: _____ (Cell) _____ 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 intended to ensure that awardees have 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 in its decision-making process.

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

Is anyone assisting you with paying for law school, related expenses, and/or living expenses and if so, what expenses are they paying? _____

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

PERSONAL NARRATIVE

In two (2) typed pages or less, please write a narrative explaining why one of the two BBA Scholarships should be awarded to you. Please address the following topics: (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 factors explaining low grades; (5) your life experience and vision for your law practice; and (6) any other factors you believe the Scholarship Committee will find relevant. Please limit your narrative to **two (2) typed pages**.

I certify that all of the information provided in my application is true and correct, and that it is my intention to practice law in the greater Birmingham area upon admission to the Alabama State Bar.

_____ Date: _____
(Signature of Applicant)