



# NEWS ALERT!

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR LAW STUDENTS

**ATTENTION: LAW SCHOOLS AND BLACK LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS (BLSAS)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2021**

The Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey, Inc. (ABWL-NJ), the oldest women's Bar Association in the State of New Jersey, announces the opening of its 2021 scholarship application process. ABWL-NJ has awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships to female law students of African descent.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- (1) Be a female of African American descent;
- (2) Be enrolled at an accredited law school in New Jersey, or be a New Jersey permanent resident enrolled at an accredited law school outside New Jersey; and
- (3) Be a 1L, 2L OR 3L/4L part-time (**May 2021 graduates not eligible**).

The following factors will be considered:

- (1) Community service/civil involvement;
- (2) Academic achievement; and
- (3) Financial need.

***The winners will be announced by April 9, 2021,*** may be posted on ABWL-NJ's website, and acknowledged in the Souvenir Journal for our Scholarship Jazz Brunch on May 1, 2021. This year's theme is: **Changemakers - Paving the Way Forward (Past, Present, Future)**.

The application can be downloaded from [www.abwl-nj.org](http://www.abwl-nj.org). Upon completion, please submit your application with all required documentation in a single email to: [law860@verizon.net](mailto:law860@verizon.net). Application must be submitted in PDF format. Photo may be submitted in .jpeg, .img, or .png format.

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 15, 2021.

Very truly yours,

Tracy M. Thompson, Esq., Chairperson, 2021 ABWL-NJ Scholarship Committee

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Please read this application carefully and complete all sections. The application consists of FOUR (4) pages. Missing information may disqualify your application. All information submitted is strictly confidential. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

The following materials must be submitted:

1. Completed Application (Sections A-F & Certification).
2. Letter of Good Standing from current Law School.
3. Official sealed copy of current Law School Transcript. (Fall 2020 transcript).
4. Recent Photo and a single page Biography (for use if selected).

**A. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

1. Name of Applicant –

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2. Current Mailing Address –

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3. Permanent Address (if different) –

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4. Telephone Numbers –

Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

5. E-mail Address –

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6. Have you previously received an ABWL-NJ Scholarship? [ ] YES [ ] NO

7. If so, year received \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Scholarship received \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8. Identify any member(s) of your family who is a member of ABWL-NJ –

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**B. EDUCATION**

	NAME	DATES ATTENDED OR GRADUATION YEAR	MAJOR/ FIELD OF STUDY	DEGREE
Undergraduate				
Law School				
Other Post-Secondary Institution				

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**C. ACADEMIC HONORS-SCHOLARSHIPS**

Please list any academic honors, scholarships, grants, etc. that you have received while in law school, the date of the award, the basis for the award, and the amount if applicable. You may attach an additional sheet, if necessary. *\*You may provide a copy of your resume in lieu of drafting responses to Sections C and D. Please indicate if you provided your resume.*

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**D. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY SERVICE/CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

List extracurricular activities and community service projects in which you have participated over the last three (3) years. *\* You may provide a copy of your resume in lieu of drafting responses to Sections C and D. Please indicate if you provided your resume.*

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**E. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Include any additional information that will assist the Scholarship Committee in evaluating your application. You may address any exigent circumstances or obstacles you have overcome prior to or during your matriculation in law school, including personal financial hardship, if applicable. You may attach one additional sheet, if necessary.

**F. ESSAY**

(1) Submit an essay (2-3 pages) on the following topic:

- *What is the most pressing legal issue facing America?*

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**CERTIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ certify that the information provided in this scholarship application and any supplements attached hereto, is true, accurate and complete. I further agree to submit all official documentation in order to verify the information provided in this scholarship application (including in any supplements attached hereto). I further recognize that honesty and integrity are essential characteristics of a future practicing attorney. I am aware that if any statement or information provided by me in this scholarship application or any supplement hereto is willfully false, I will be disqualified from consideration. I acknowledge that I will be liable and subject to suit, for any sums received based upon willfully submitting false information at such time as it is discovered by ABWL-NJ.

If selected, I give permission to ABWL-NJ to post my name and likeness on its website, and/or to publish it in the Souvenir Journal, and/or any materials associated with the organization’s initiatives and programs.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications and attached materials must be received in a single e-mail submission, no later than March 15, 2021, to [law860@verizon.net](mailto:law860@verizon.net) . You will receive a confirmation e-mail that your application and attached materials were received.**