



**2025 MINORITY LAW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP
SPONSORED BY J.L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION**

QUALIFICATIONS/ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:

- UNITED STATES CITIZEN OR PERMANENT LEGAL RESIDENT
- CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN AN ABA-ACCREDITED LAW SCHOOL IN THE UNITED STATES AS A PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME STUDENT
- GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING AT THE LAW SCHOOL (PROOF OF ACADEMIC STANDING IS REQUIRED)
- A MINIMUM GPA OF 3.0 FOR A MERIT SCHOLARSHIP OR 2.5 FOR A FINANCIAL NEED SCHOLARSHIP
- SECOND OR THIRD YEAR MINORITY LAW STUDENT FROM THE DFW METROPLEX OR ATTENDING LAW SCHOOL IN THE DFW METROPLEX
- SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND, VIRTUAL OR IN-PERSON, THE J.L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION GALA (SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025) TO ACCEPT THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

*****APPLICATION DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025 AT 5:00 PM CST*****

****INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED
**ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE FOUNDATION
BY THE DEADLINE**

For more than two decades the J. L. Turner Legal Association Foundation has awarded scholarships to minority law students attending law school or who are from the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Sponsorships from the Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala are used to fund the scholarships.

There are two distinct types of JLTLA Foundation Minority Law Student Scholarships: MERIT-BASED and FINANCIAL NEED.

Merit-Based Minority Scholarships: There are five (5) JLTLA merit-based scholarships that may be awarded in a given year. These are primarily academic scholarship awards. The merit scholarships are as follows:

- **The Barbara Jordan Scholarship** - awarded to the most outstanding female minority law student applicant.
- **The Fred Finch Scholarship** - awarded to the most outstanding male minority law student applicant.
- **The Marie Trahan/Susman Godfrey Scholarship** - awarded to an outstanding African-American male or female law student born or raised in the State of Texas.
- **The Judge's Scholarship (Phyllis Lister Brown Memorial Scholarship)** - awarded to a male or female minority law student who has excelled academically in law school.
- **The Rhonda Hunter Scholarship** - awarded to an outstanding male or female law student born or raised in the State of Texas, and who is attending law school in the DFW Metroplex; who displays demonstrated leadership qualities and who has a bold and brave record of commitment to community service.

MERIT-BASED APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- OFFICIAL SEALED LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT WITH GRADES CONFIRMING ENROLLMENT
- UNOFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE TRANSCRIPT
- PROOF OF ACADEMIC STANDING
- LEGAL WRITING SAMPLE (5 pages or less)
- LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION: Maximum of one page, including signature, email, address, and phone number of references. *Letters from relatives or fellow law students will NOT be accepted.*
- CURRENT RESUME THAT INCLUDES HONORS, ACTIVITIES, AND PUBLICATIONS
- BRIEF ESSAY: Discussing how your educational and professional goals align with the mission of the J.L. Turner Legal Association and/or J.L. Turner Legal Association Foundation, and how you will support the J.L. Turner Legal Association after graduating law school. (One page, double-spaced, 500 words maximum)

Financial Need Minority Scholarships: Although JLTLA Foundation encourages academic excellence, the need-based scholarships focus on financial need and are not primarily academic scholarships. In selecting financial-need scholarship winners, we will consider an applicant's need, disadvantaged circumstances, community involvement, and other factors, in addition to merely, academic standing.

- **L.A. Bedford Memorial Scholarship** – awarded to a deserving and diverse law student with financial need, displaying leadership qualities in the pursuit of justice for all, exhibiting a commitment to excellence, and engaged in community service.
- **Karen McCloud Memorial Scholarship** – awarded to a deserving and diverse law school student displaying financial need, a commitment to inclusion and excellence within the legal profession, a dedication to service in the community, and a relentless focus on justice for all.
- **Capt. Richard Stewart, JAG Corp. U.S. Navy (Ret.) Legal Education Scholarship**– awarded to a minority law student with demonstrated financial need who: (1) currently serves or was honorably discharged from a branch of the U.S. military, as evidenced by a valid DD214; (2) is a child of a U.S. military veteran, as evidenced by a valid DD214; or (3) is a current member of, or has been accepted and plans to enter, the U.S. JAG Corp.
- **Chief Justice Carolyn Wright Scholarship** – awarded to an African-American female law student displaying financial need, and a record of community service.
- **General Financial Need Awards** – awarded to minority law students with demonstrated financial need and connection to DFW metroplex.

FINANCIAL NEED APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- OFFICIAL SEALED LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT WITH GRADES CONFIRMING ENROLLMENT
- LEGAL WRITING SAMPLE (5 pages or less)
- BRIEF STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL NEED (maximum of one page, summary of annual expenses, financial aid, income sources, and other scholarships, etc.)
- LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION: Maximum of one page, including signature, email, address, and phone number of references. *Letters from relatives or fellow law students will NOT be accepted.*
- CURRENT RESUME THAT INCLUDES HONORS, ACTIVITIES, AND PUBLICATIONS
- BRIEF ESSAY: Discussing how your educational and professional goals align with the mission of the J.L. Turner Legal Association and/or J.L. Turner Legal Association Foundation, and how you will support the J.L. Turner Legal Association after graduating law school. (One page, double-spaced, 500 words maximum)
- *DD214 (Military Scholarship Applicants ONLY)*

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NAME _____

Application for the following: ☐ FINANCIAL NEED ☐ MERIT ☐ BOTH/ALL awards

Any specific financial need award? _____

U.S. CITIZEN: YES ☐ NO ☐ PERMANENT RESIDENT: YES ☐ NO ☐

☐ AFRICAN/AFRICAN-AMERICAN ☐ HISPANIC ☐ ASIAN

☐ OTHER (Please specify) _____

CURRENT ADDRESS _____
(Street/P.O. Box) (City, State and Zip Code)

PHONE NUMBER _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS (If different from above)

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

LAW SCHOOL _____

GPA _____ CLASS RANK _____ 1L 2L 3L (Circle One) EXPECTED GRAD DATE: _____

BLSA MEMBER: YES ☐ NO ☐ (If similar organization, please name): _____

UNDERGRADUATE
INSTITUTION _____ GPA _____

EXPLAIN YOUR CONNECTION TO THE DALLAS-FORT WORTH METROPLEX

MILITARY SERVICE (YOU/PARENT) ? YES ☐ NO ☐ BRANCH _____

TYPE OF SERVICE? (Active, Reserve, JAG, etc.) _____

SERVICE DATES: _____

HAVE YOU EVER RECEIVED A JLTAF SCHOLARSHIP? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, when and what amount? _____

ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO ATTEND THE JLTAF GALA **IN-PERSON** THIS YEAR? YES ____ NO ____

By signing this application, Applicant attests that the information contained herein is true and correct.

(Applicant Signature)

(Date)

Please return ALL application materials via email, **except** the official law school transcript, which should be e-mailed directly from your institution. PLEASE SEND ITEMS REQUESTED BY EMAIL TO: JLTLAF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (erin@nowellforjustice.com) with the subject:

2025 JLTLAF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION/[Applicant Name].

(1) Completed *Application Packet* (materials described on page 1&2, application on page 3);

- a. **SEND VIA EMAIL IN SINGLE PDF FILE,**
- b. **Do NOT send a separate PDF/file for EACH component of application packet.)**

(2) Official law school transcript (if your transcript does not show class rank or standing, please provide additional documentation to verify your class rank, such as a letter from the Dean). If your school sends official transcripts via email, please direct to: erintxlaw@gmail.com.**

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUESTED (Winners will be featured in the Gala program!)

(3) Student Biography (5-7 sentences in a Word document, written in third person, for inclusion in gala program, if selected). **(SEND VIA EMAIL)**

(4) Professional Photograph (Hi-resolution photo (in .JPG format) of head and shoulders; photograph should be suitable for inclusion in a professional publication (business attire preferred)). **(SEND VIA EMAIL)**

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For more information about J. L. Turner Foundation and/or the scholarship, please visit www.jlturnerfoundation.org or contact:

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