

The Black Women Lawyers' Association Scholarship Fund

2023 Bradford & Gordon Family Law Scholarship & Professional Development Application

The Black Women Lawyers' Association Scholarship Fund (BWLA-SF) endeavors to promote diversity in the legal profession by providing mentorship and other resources in support of their legal education and career advancement.

Bradford and Gordon, LLC specializes exclusively in matrimonial and family law and is devoted to trial and appellate litigation in Cook, DuPage, Lake, McHenry, Will and other surrounding counties.

AWARD: BWLA-SF will award one (1) scholarship in the amount of \$5,000. Scholarship recipients will also participate in a professional development program developed by Bradford & Gordon, which will include opportunities for mentorship, shadowing, and an interview for an externship or internship with the firm.

ELIGIBILITY: To be considered, applicants must (1) be of Black or African descent; (2) complete the application and statement of interest and submit all required documents; (3) attend an ABA-accredited law school as a part-time or full-time 1L or 2L evidenced by a Letter of Good Standing from the school's registrar; (4) have a Chicagoland connection; and (5) have a demonstrated interest in family law.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Applicants will be evaluated on the following: professionalism of application materials (incomplete or incorrectly formatted application materials will be disqualified); statement substance and quality; and professional and academic achievement. Applications with excessive typographical and/or grammatical errors may be disqualified.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION: Each application must be typewritten, converted to a PDF, and combined with all other supporting documentation into **ONE PDF file**, except for a transcript or letter of good standing which may be sent directly from the applicant's law school depending on the institution's policies. Applications submitted in other formats or as more than one PDF file will not be considered. The application and all documents must be e-mailed to scholarship@bwla.org with "BWLA Bradford & Gordon Family Law Scholarship Application – Name" in the subject by **March 22, at 11:59 p.m. CST.**

<u>APPLICANT INFORMATION</u>	
Name:	Telephone Number and Email:
Address (including City, State, and Zip Code):	
Name of Law School:	Year in Law School (or Graduation Year):
Chicagoland connection? (You are attending a Chicagoland ABA-accredited law school OR have a demonstrated present or future connection to the Chicagoland legal market):	
Are you a member of BWLA?	

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STATEMENT OF INTEREST AND REQUIREMENTS

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Describe your interest in family law and explain your short- and long-term goals. What led you to those decisions? What do you hope to gain from this professional development opportunity? Feel free to discuss any issue or experience that contributed to your desire to pursue a career in family law.

Your statement must be typed, 12-point font, and double spaced on 8.5 x 11-inch paper with 1-inch margins throughout the entire document. The statement must be no more than 1,000 words.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. Completed and signed application;
2. Statement of interest;
3. Resume (*including current community service activities, i.e. professional organizations, student groups and non-profit activities*);
4. Law School Transcript;
5. Letter of Good Standing from your school's registrar; and

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information provided herein is accurate and truthful to the best of my knowledge.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)