

**The Black Women Lawyers' Association Scholarship Fund**

**Agnes B. McGirth Scholarship Application**

The Black Women Lawyers' Association Scholarship Fund (BWLA-SF) endeavors to encourage African-American women in the law through support in their legal education and to promote diversity in the legal profession.

Ms. Agnes B. McGirth was the mother of Ms. Violet M. Clark, BWLA Member and retired Partner at the law firm of Laner Muchin. Annually, Ms. Clark donates \$1,000 to the BWLA Scholarship Fund in honor of her late mother to assist a law student who exemplifies the same tenacity and zeal for service and education as her mother. Ms. McGirth received her bachelor's degree the same year that her daughter, Ms. Clark, graduated from high school. She is described as kind, caring, compassionate, empathetic, and determined. The Agnes B. McGirth Scholarship will be awarded to a student who best exemplifies all of those characteristics while enrolled in law school and raising a family.

**PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP:** The purpose of the Agnes B. McGirth Scholarship is to meet a portion of a law student's financial need.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Applicants must (1) complete and sign the application, including answering all application questions; (2) attend an ABA-accredited law school as a 1L, 2L or 3L evidenced by a Letter of Good Standing from the school's registrar; (3) demonstrate a commitment to public service or diversity as evidenced by current leadership or participation in community service or outreach; (4) have unmet financial need; and (5) submit an official transcript.

**AWARD:** The BWLA-SF will award one (1) \$1,000 scholarship. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at BWLA's Annual Spring Fundraiser Luncheon, *Celebrating Chief Legal Officers - Charting a Course for Change*, on April 25, 2024, at 167 Green.

**DEADLINE:** The application and all documents **must** be e-mailed to [scholarship@bwla.org](mailto:scholarship@bwla.org) in **ONE PDF document** by **Friday, March 15, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. CST.**

<b><u>APPLICANT INFORMATION</u></b>
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Name:	Telephone Number:
Address (City, State, and Zip Code):	
Name of Law School:	Year in Law School:
Are you a current member of the BWLA? Yes                  No	Are you interested in becoming a member of the BWLA? Yes                  No

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Please list any amount of financial assistance you are currently receiving, such as employment, grants, or scholarships (do not include loans).

Please include a current resume including any extra-curricular activities, community service, outreach activities, and organizations in which you are currently involved (state the extent of your involvement).

**SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONS**

Applicants must respond to every question below to qualify for the scholarship. If you require more space, you may submit your responses on a separate piece of paper, not to exceed two (2) additional pages.

1. How do you intend to use your legal education?
2. What are you doing or what do you plan to do to further diversity efforts at your school, and what are your plans for furthering diversity efforts in the legal profession?
3. What has been your involvement in the Black Women Lawyers' Association of Greater Chicago, Inc. to date, and/or how do you intend to be involved in the future?
4. Are you currently raising a child or children? If yes, please tell us about your experience.
5. Briefly include any additional information you would like us to consider.

**CERTIFICATION**

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

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(Signature of Applicant)

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(Date)