

The Black Women Lawyers' Association Scholarship Fund
2024 LSAT Scholarship Application

The Black Women Lawyers' Association Scholarship Fund (BWLA-SF) endeavors to promote diversity in the legal profession by encouraging Black college students to pursue a career in the law. To support this goal, BWLA-SF will award scholarships to offset the expenses of taking the Law School Admission Test ("LSAT").

ELIGIBILITY: To be considered, applicants must (1) be of Black or African descent; (2) complete the application and essay and submit all required documents, including an undergraduate transcript; (3) be a junior or senior currently enrolled in an accredited four-year college or university, or have graduated with a Bachelor's degree from the same within the last two years of the date of application (no earlier than Spring 2022); (4) have a demonstrated interest in pursuing law school; and (5) have a Chicagoland connection.

AWARD: BWLA-SF will award one award to cover the cost of LSAT registration and Credential Assembly Service (CAS) fees. An award is valued at approximately \$500.

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 which may be sent directly from the applicant's school depending on the institution's policies. Applications submitted in other formats or as more than one PDF file will not be considered.

DEADLINE: The application and all documents must be e-mailed to scholarship@bwla.org with "BWLA LSAT Scholarship Application – Name" by **May 3, 2024, at 11:59 a.m. CST.**

<u>APPLICANT INFORMATION</u>	
Name:	Telephone Number:
Address (including City, State, and Zip Code):	
Name of School:	Year in School (or Graduation Year):
Chicagoland connection? (You have attended a Chicagoland accredited college or university OR have a demonstrated present or future connection to the Chicagoland legal market): Y / N Explain if necessary.	
Please include a current resume including any extra-curricular activities, community service, outreach activities, and organizations in which you are currently involved. Please state the extent of your involvement.	

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ESSAY PROMPT AND REQUIREMENTS

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Share with us “why law school?” What led you to that decision? Explain your short and long-term goals, potentially including classes you want to take and the area of law you have considered pursuing. Feel free to discuss topics such as a personal challenge you faced that led you to want to practice law or a passion or involvement in a project that contributed to your desire to go to law school.

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

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

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. Completed and signed application;
2. Resumé (including current community service activities, i.e. professional organizations, student groups, and non-profit activities);
3. Undergraduate Transcript; and
4. Essay.

CERTIFICATION

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

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)