



**J. L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION
FOUNDATION**

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Carrying on the Legacy

Dear Law School Administrator,

We write to you on behalf of the J.L. Turner Legal Association Foundation (“Foundation”). Our Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala will be held on October 24, 2020. Due to the ongoing pandemic, this year’s event will be a virtual telethon and awards show!

The Foundation seeks to administer and support programs to increase diversity in the legal profession. At the annual Gala, the Foundation will award both academic scholarships and financial need awards. The academic scholarships are based on grades, difficulty of coursework, community service, and essay submission. The financial need scholarships are based largely on the financial need of the applicant.

- ❖ Barbara Jordan Scholarship
- ❖ Fred Finch Scholarship
- ❖ Honorable Phyllis Lister Brown Memorial Scholarship
- ❖ Marie Trahan/Susman Godfrey Scholarship
- ❖ JAG Corp. U.S. Navy (Ret.) Legal Education Scholarship
- ❖ Financial need awards

The Foundation is seeking diverse law students with connections to the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex. Applicants are required to submit a resume, transcript, essay, letter of reference, photo, and financial need statement (if applicable). Please share the enclosed application information with eligible students at your law school. Applications may also be found online at: <https://www.jltla.org/scholarships>. All application materials must be received by **October 9, 2020**. Winners will be notified by October 16, 2020. Winners may participate in the award ceremony virtually. Funds will be dispersed after winners provide Fall 2020 grades, Spring 2021 class schedule, and their current mailing address to the Scholarship Committee, essentially in January-February 2021.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Yours Truly,

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**2020 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 *VIRTUALLY* ATTEND THE J.L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION GALA (SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020) TO ACCEPT THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

*****DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2020 AT 5:00 PM CST*****

****INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED
**ALL MATERIALS MUST BE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE FOUNDATION
BY 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 four (4) 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.

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 THE J.L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION (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.

- **Capt. Richard Stewart, JAG Corp. U.S. Navy (Ret.) Legal Education Scholarship (NEW!)** – awarded to an outstanding 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.

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 THE J.L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION (one page, double-spaced, 500 words maximum)
- DD214 (Military Scholarship Applicants ONLY)

The J.L. Turner Scholarship is given to U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

By signing this application, you attest 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 mailed (see info below on mailing official transcript). PLEASE SEND ITEMS REQUESTED BY EMAIL TO: JLTLAF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (jtlafscholarship@gmail.com) with the subject: 2020 JLTLAF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION.

(1) Completed Application and Required Attachments (SEND VIA EMAIL IN SINGLE PDF FILE)

(2) Certified copy of 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).

PLEASE MAIL CERTIFIED COPY OF LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT TO:

J. L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
2101 Ross Avenue
DALLAS, TX 75201

****MUST BE RECEIVED BY APPLICATION DEADLINE; POSTMARK IS INSUFFICIENT****

(3) Student Biography (5-7 sentences, 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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ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN A SINGLE PDF DOCUMENT.

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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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