



# L. CLIFFORD DAVIS LEGAL ASSOCIATION

The African American Bar Association of Tarrant County, Texas  
Since 1977 "Working to Balance the Scales of Justice"

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## 2022 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND ESSAY PACKET

L. Clifford Davis Legal Association ("LCDLA") is pleased to accept submissions for our 2022 annual law school student scholarships. The LCDLA Scholarship Selection Committee will award three (3) current law students with a minimum of \$1,000 each to one of its designated scholarships, namely: **L. Clifford Davis, William Bill Johnson, and Anthony Vaughn.** LCDLA has typically awarded these funds to students who are either studying in the North Texas area, or who originate from the Dallas-Fort Worth area, namely Tarrant County. However, LCDLA would like to encourage all active Black Law Students Association members ("BLSA"), as well as minority students in law schools throughout Texas, to apply prior to the deadline of August 21, 2022, by 7:00 p.m. Thank you in advance for your interest in receiving a prestigious scholarship from the L. Clifford Davis Legal Association.

*Please complete the application in its entirety.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER(S): \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT ADDRESS (if different from above):

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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

LAW SCHOOL ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS RANK: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASSIFICATION: 1L 2L 3L (CIRCLE ONE)

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BLSA MEMBER: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ (If similar organization please state).

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UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTION:

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HONORS, ACTIVITIES, AND PUBLICATIONS: (Attach current resume **without** a photo)

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Have you ever received a LCDLA or Tarrant County Black Bar Association Scholarship? Y/N

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Are you a resident of Tarrant County or have connections to the Tarrant County area? Y/N

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If yes, describe.

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***PLEASE ATTACH AN 800- 1,500 WORD ESSAY ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT:***

***U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson***, is a trailblazer and a first in many ways: first African-American female to serve as a Justice in the 232-year history of the U.S. Supreme Court... first former federal public defender to serve on the Court...and the first justice since Thurgood Marshall's appointment in 1967 to have any significant experience representing indigent defendants in criminal cases. Most U.S. Supreme Court Justices have backgrounds as federal prosecutors and/or associates at white-collar crime or corporate law firms, and substantially less, if any, have experience as a federal district court judge.

- (i) Do you believe a Justice's background or gender, should impact their decision on the Court? If so, how?
- (ii) How do you believe Justice Jackson's decisions will impact communities of color?
- (iii) Because Justice Jackson may occupy a minority position on a super-conservative 6-3 majority court, how may her Dissents, impact national and international attitudes regarding the justices' duties to render well-reasoned, independent, fair and impartial decisions? (P.S. Justice Jackson just dissented in her first vote since she was sworn in on June 30, 2022, whereas the Supreme Court, in a 5-4 Order, on July 21, 2022, declined a request from the Biden administration to prioritize certain immigrants for deportation but said it would hear arguments in the dispute later this year).

Further, in 100 words or less, tell us how you plan to use your Juris Doctorate (JD) Degree to give back to the communities you serve, and help to balance the scales of justice?

By signing this Application, you attest that the information contained herein is true and correct.

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Applicant Signature

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Date

**Please return the following items:**

- Application
- Resume
- Required Essay
- A short biographical sketch 5-7 sentences, written in third person, for recognition **in person** at the scholarship banquet on Saturday, September 17, 2022.

Email all material to: [LCDLAscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:LCDLAscholarship@gmail.com). Attention: Faye D. Watson, Chair, Scholarship Selection Committee in PDF format (One PDF document). Telephone: 682-246-2501.

Applications must be received no later than August 21, 2022, by 7:00 p.m., CST. Scholarships will be awarded at the L. Clifford Davis Legal Association's 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scholarship & Awards Banquet, to be held on Saturday evening, September 17, 2022. **All recipients MUST be present IN PERSON at the Banquet in order to receive the scholarship funds.**