



Connecticut Bar Association
Future of the Legal Profession
Scholars Program



Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and should be emailed to dei@ctbar.org.

Eligibility

1. Must be a junior, senior, or graduate of a Connecticut-area college or university (meaning schools located in Connecticut or in Western Massachusetts)
2. Must be committed to pursuing a law degree at an accredited law school in the Connecticut-area (including law schools located in Connecticut and Western Massachusetts) or pursuing a legal career in the Connecticut area in the future.
3. Applications are welcome from all aspiring law students that meet the prior eligibility criteria. Preference will be given to first generation law students (meaning students who would be the first member of their immediate family to attend law school) with a demonstrated commitment to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in prior academic, professional, or personal pursuits, or who are able to demonstrate that the applicant has overcome adversity or other challenges in the pursuit of a future career in the law.

Additional Information: Accepted Scholars will be alerted via email regarding their application status. Scholars will then be enrolled in a Kaplan LSAT prep course by the CBA when the Scholar is beginning preparation for the LSAT. Scholarships will be paid directly to Kaplan to cover the associated fees for the course.

Accepted Scholars will also be invited to participate in enrichment and networking programs during the year to learn about the law school application and admission process, engage and connect with the Connecticut legal community, and prepare for future matriculation to law school.



Application Checklist

- Completed scholarship application form
- A professional letter of recommendation that speaks to your academic performance or professional qualifications
- Resume/CV
- Official college or university transcript
- Two (2) Personal Statements (described below)

I. Applicant Information (please print or type)

Name: _____

Mailing
Address: _____

Email
Address: _____

Phone
Number: _____

Please note the LSAT test date(s) you are considering:



I will be a first generation law student if I am accepted to law school (meaning that I will be the first member of my immediate family to matriculate to law school if I am accepted).

I will *not* be a first generation law student if I am accepted to law school.

If you wish to further explain your selection above, please do so here: _____

II. Academic Information

Name of current college or university, or most recent degree-granting institution:

Highest degree obtained:

Date completed:

How did you hear about this program?

- Faculty Member
- Mentor
- Career Services
- Department email/listserv
- Student Affairs
- Internet/Social Media
- Other: _____



III. Resume/CV and Personal Statements

- (a) Please attach an updated resume/CV that includes your expected year of graduation, all secondary and professional schools attended, degrees received, honors and awards received, and extracurricular/community activities. Your resume/CV may include additional information to be considered in the evaluation of your application but should not exceed two (2) pages.
- (b) Personal Statement One: In 500 words or fewer, tell us why you are passionate about pursuing a career in law. Reflect on the aspects of your personal development and experiences that have inspired this decision. How have these elements shaped your goals and perspectives? What specific aspirations do you have for your future with a law degree? We encourage you to include any particular personal, legal, or societal challenges or issues that have influenced your journey towards law school.

Personal Statement Two: In 500 words or fewer, tell us why you think diversity, equity, and inclusion are important to the legal profession. Please also tell us how you have sought to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in your prior academic, professional, or personal activities and experiences. Please also share with us if you have experienced adversity or barriers in your pursuit of a future career in the law, and how you have responded to those challenges.

IV. Letter of Recommendation

The letter of recommendation should speak to the applicant's academic performance and/or professional qualifications. Reference to the applicant's future aspirations in the legal field are preferred. Please be as detailed as possible.



V. Affirmation

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate disqualification from scholarship eligibility.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____