



## **DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2020-2021**

The Houston Young Lawyers Association is awarding two (2) scholarships to diverse law students at each of the Houston-area law schools, one (1) for \$1,000 and one (1) for \$500.

### **THE HYLA Diversity Committee**

The HYLA Diversity & Inclusion Committee was established in 2016. Its objectives are:

- to engage with lawyers of color, women lawyers, lawyers with disabilities and lawyers with non-traditional sexual orientations and gender identification;
- to promote increased participation by diverse lawyers in the activities, programs, and projects of the Houston Young Lawyers Association;
- to encourage all members of the Houston Young Lawyers Association and the greater Houston legal community to acknowledge the importance of diversity, to promote greater inclusion of diverse members of the profession, and to facilitate greater access to programs, services, and employment opportunities for diverse members of the profession.

The Diversity Scholarship Program is one of the many Diversity & Inclusion Committee sponsored activities/programs designed to meet the objectives each year. The Diversity & Inclusion Committee members review all applications and select the scholarship recipients based on the criteria described below.

HYLA recognizes diversity based upon gender, national origin, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, socio-economic status, and geography.

### **SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA, ELIGIBILITY AND ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Diversity & Inclusion Committee intends to award scholarships to one or more law students at each of the ABA-accredited law schools in Houston. The recipient must be attending one of the Houston-area law schools. In awarding the scholarships, the Diversity & Inclusion Committee will consider the applicant's resume, response to the essay questions, demonstrated commitment to diversity through HYLA, and other criteria such as academic performance.

An application may be downloaded from the HYLA website (<https://www.hyla.org/scholarships>). Applications may also be obtained at the law school financial aid office or by contacting HYLA at 713-224-4952.

*Scholarship winners will be announced, and winners will be invited to attend the Houston Young Lawyers Foundation/HYLA Law Day Luncheon on Friday, May 7, 2021. More details to follow.*

**TO APPLY, e-mail a completed application to:**  
**[hyladiversityinclusion@gmail.com](mailto:hyladiversityinclusion@gmail.com)**

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 PM, APRIL 5, 2021.**  
**(HYLA will not accept any late applications.)**



## DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2020-2021 (APPLICATION)

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Permanent Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ | Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

4. E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Gender Identity:

*Choose All That Apply (Optional)*

Agender  Genderqueer or gender fluid  Non-binary

Man  Transgender  Woman

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Prefer not to disclose

6. Sexual Orientation:

*We have expanded eligibility for this scholarship to celebrate law students who identify as members of the LGBTQ+ community. Please choose all that apply (Optional)*

Gay  Lesbian  Bisexual  Pansexual  Asexual  Queer

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Prefer not to disclose

7. Ethnic Background:

*Choose All That Apply (Optional)*

Black/African-American  Asian-American  Latino/a/x

White/Caucasian  American Indian/Alaska Native  Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Other

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## II. LAW SCHOOL INFORMATION

8. Law School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Year of Study (e.g., 1L) \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

10. GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

*Applicants are welcome to attach a separate sheet of paper for Questions 11-12 if needed.*

11. Law School Activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. Community Activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## III. RESUME AND ESSAY

Please submit the following materials along with this application:

- I. A copy of your current resume; and
- II. A type-written 500-word essay answering **one** of the following questions:
  - Why do you believe diversity in the legal profession is important and what have you done to try to cultivate and foster diversity within the legal profession and/or your law school community?
  - How have any of your identities shaped your outlook of the law, law enforcement and/or the legal profession?

**AFFIRMATION OF APPLICATION:** I have reviewed the information listed in this application for omission and errors. To the best of my knowledge the information is complete and accurate as reported. I understand that HYLA and its Diversity & Inclusion Committee reserves the right to investigate all information stated in this application.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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