# 2023 USLAW NETWORK LAW SCHOOL IVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRA

Costs associated with law school may derail accomplished and highly motivated students from applying to law school or completing their Juris Doctor, or may deter them from attending the highest ranked schools because of higher tuition. Recent studies show that one out of ten law students from underrepresented groups have had to abandon a lifetime dream of becoming a lawyer, which means the legal field lost 10% of its potential diverse talent pool. The USLAW NETWORK Law School Diversity Scholarship Program was created as part of the organization's commitment to helping eligible, diverse law students who are in need of financial assistance to achieve their academic and professional dreams.

The 2023 USLAW NETWORK Law School Diversity Scholarship Program will award \$5,000 for up to 10 students selected by our scholarship selection committee. Applications may be submitted starting December 5, 2022, with a deadline for applications by February 15, 2023.

# LAW SCHOOL DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant is from an underrepresented population and background, which includes but is not limited to. American Indian or Alaskan Native. Asian, Black or African American, Native American or Other Pacific Islander, Hispanic or Latinx, and/or multiple of the aforementioned racial identities, or who identifies as LGBTQ+.
- Applicant demonstrates a defined commitment to issues of diversity. equity, inclusion, or social justice in their communities or within their academic career.
- Applicant is a United States citizen or a permanent resident of the U.S.
- Applicant is currently attending an ABA-accredited law school within the U.S. and will be enrolled in Fall 2023.
- Applicant can demonstrate strong academic achievements as reflected in transcripts from an ABA-accredited U.S. law school and from the recipient's undergraduate institution.
- Applicant is not a previous recipient of the USLAW NETWORK Diversity Scholarship Program.

### LAW SCHOOL DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

To apply for the 2023 USLAW NETWORK Law School Diversity Scholarship Program, an applicant must submit the following items on or before February 15, 2023:

- 1. A completed scholarship application form (attached).
- 2. A certified, official copy of law school transcript and undergraduate transcript.
- 3. A copy of your resume or CV.
- 4. A letter of recommendation.
- 5. A one-page typed essay describing how you have utilized your time promoting diversity, equity, inclusion, or social justice within your community. Alternatively, you may write about how you will use your law degree to promote diversity, equity, inclusion, or social justice in the future in your legal career, in the legal profession at large, and/ or in your community.

# **ABOUT USLAW NETWORK**

USLAW NETWORK is an international organization composed of approximately 100 independent, full-service law firms, including more than 6,000 attorneys across the U.S., Canada, Latin America, and Asia, and with affiliations in Europe through TELFA. USLAW launched in 2001 and comprises highly rated law firms who are part of the NETWORK by invitation only. USLAW firms are experienced in commercial and business law, employment and labor law, litigation, and other business-related areas of law. All firms have substantial trial experience. USLAW member firms provide legal representation to major corporations, insurance companies, and large and small businesses alike. For more information, visit uslaw.org.



Submit the completed application and related materials to Cheryl Hanley, USLAW NETWORK Director, at cheryl@uslaw.org.

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#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CONTINUED

Highlight honors and awards you have received:

Highlight community service or other volunteer and social impact activities:

Please list any other relevant information you want us to consider when reviewing your application:

Please tell us how you learned about the USLAW NETWORK Law School Diversity Scholarship Program:



#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CONTINUED

Please submit a one-page typed essay describing how you have utilized your time promoting diversity, equity, inclusion, or social justice within your community. Alternatively, you may write about how you will use your law degree to promote diversity, equity, inclusion, or social justice causes in your future legal career, in the legal profession at large, or in your community.



#### **CHECKLIST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUBMIT**

#### DOCUMENTATION

Please submit an official transcript, including your most recent semester at an ABA-accredited law school in the U.S. and your undergraduate transcript.

#### LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please submit one letter of recommendation.

#### ESSAY

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#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information I provided on this application form and in any attached materials is true and complete. By checking this box, I certify that the information I am submitting is true and complete. I understand my personal information may be reviewed by individuals on the scholarship committee and hereby give USLAW NETWORK full consent and permission to share my personal information and documents with those individuals and entities. I further understand that USLAW NETWORK cannot guarantee the privacy of any information or documentation submitted through its website and I hereby waive my rights to privacy with respect to all information submitted. I agree to hold USLAW NETWORK and its agents harmless for any and all potential injury and claims related to my personal information in the past, present, and future.

#### AGREEMENT

If I am awarded a USLAW NETWORK scholarship, I hereby give USLAW NETWORK permission to share my personal information with the public, including my name and photo, for the purposes of further promoting USLAW's Diversity Scholarship Program. I understand that the awarded funds will be paid directly to my school for tuition. In addition, if selected as a scholarship recipient, I agree to provide USLAW with a testimonial about how the scholarship funds were beneficial to me.

DATE

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