BLACK LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF CINCINNATI
2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Deadline: 5:00 PM Eastern on Saturday, February 24, 2024

Complete and Email Application to:
Jordan McSayles, Chairperson
Ebun Taiwo, Chairperson
BLAC Scholarship Committee
cincyBLACscholarship@gmail.com

The entire application includes:
● Application Forms (including scholarship questions and a signed certification)
  o Scholarship Questions:
    ▪ Only answer questions for the scholarship(s) for which you are eligible and applying
    ▪ You may submit up to 2 additional pages total for your answers
● Resume
  o No more than 2 pages, 12-point font or larger and 1-inch margins
● Official Law School Transcript
  o Attach your official law school transcript (including Fall 2023 semester grades) with social security number redacted
● Recommendation Form (attached) and Letter of Recommendation
  o The recommender is to submit the recommendation form and the letter of recommendation to the Scholarship Committee so that they are received by the deadline

Format:
The completed application must be typed except for the required signatures. All application materials should be sent in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) only.

Please visit www.CincyBLAC.org to find scholarship descriptions
Contact Jordan McSayles or Ebun Taiwo at cincyBLACscholarship@gmail.com with questions
The Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati ("BLAC") awards the following five scholarships. Please select which scholarship(s) you are applying for and complete the applicable scholarship questions (on pages 4-7):

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<td>Theodore M. Berry</td>
<td>Created in recognition of the political, civic, and legal achievements of Theodore M. Berry, this Scholarship is awarded to a Black student attending the University of Cincinnati College of Law.</td>
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<td>The William A. McClain Scholarship is awarded to a Black student and Hamilton County, Ohio resident attending any ABA-accredited law school who demonstrates leadership potential and dedication to community.</td>
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<td>The Judge Nathaniel R. Jones Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a Black law student at the University of Cincinnati College of Law or Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law who has demonstrated a strong commitment to academic excellence and community service in honor of Judge Jones's long and distinguished career as a Civil Rights leader and an extraordinary judge, and his commitment to lifting up the next generation.</td>
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: ______________________________________________________

Permanent Home Address: ______________________________________________________

City: _____________________________ State: _____________________________ Zip: ____________

School Address (if different from above address): ______________________________________________________

City: _____________________________ State: _____________________________ Zip: ____________

Telephone Number: _______________ Email Address: _____________________________________________

Law School: ________________________________________________

Year Began: _______ Expected Graduation Date (mo/yr): _______ In Good Standing (Y/N): _______

Law School Grade Point Average (GPA): ________________

Law School Activities and/or Memberships: ______________________________________________

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Other Graduate School (if applicable): ________________________________________________

Undergraduate School: __________________________________________________________

Have you received, do you anticipate receiving, or have you applied for other scholarships for this academic year? (Specify and indicate whether received) ____________________________________________________________

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Activities/Honors: Please list any publications, academic awards, honors, scholarships and/or extracurricular activities, including involvement in the community, from the time of your undergraduate education to the present

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Describe how you plan to use your legal education:

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Theodore M. Berry Scholarship

Created in recognition of the political, civic, and legal achievements of Theodore M. Berry, this Scholarship is awarded to a Black student attending the University of Cincinnati College of Law.

1. Describe your political, civic, and legal aspirations.

2. Describe your political, civic, and legal achievements.

3. Explain how the scholarship funds will help you financially.

4. Explain why you should be awarded this scholarship.

5. If awarded this scholarship, how do you intend to use the funds?

6. Add any comments or additional information that may be helpful to the committee in considering you for this scholarship (optional).
William A. McClain Scholarship

The William A. McClain Scholarship is awarded to a Black student and Hamilton County, Ohio resident attending any ABA-accredited law school who demonstrates leadership potential and dedication to community.

1. Explain your connection with Cincinnati, Ohio.

2. Explain your commitment to the Cincinnati community.

3. Describe your leadership activities, include positions held and responsibilities.

4. Explain your need for financial assistance.

5. Explain why you should be awarded this scholarship.

6. If awarded this scholarship, how do you intend to use the funds?

7. Add any comments or additional information that may be helpful to the committee in considering you for this scholarship (optional).
Jack Sherman, Jr. Scholarship

The Jack Sherman, Jr. Scholarship is awarded to a minority student attending Chase College of Law who is interested in public service and who embodies inclusiveness and a sense of justice.

1. Describe your interest in public service.

2. Describe how you embody inclusiveness.

3. Describe how you embody a sense of justice.

4. Explain how the scholarship funds will help you financially.

5. Explain why you should be awarded this scholarship.

6. If awarded this scholarship, how do you intend to use the funds?

7. Add any comments and additional information that may be helpful to the committee in considering you for this scholarship (optional).
Shanda L. Spurlock Memorial Scholarship

The Shanda L. Spurlock Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a Black student attending either University of Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky University, or University of Dayton law school who has demonstrated leadership potential and dedication to community.

1. Explain your commitment to the community.

2. Describe your leadership activities, include positions held and responsibilities.

3. Explain how the scholarship funds will help you financially.

4. Explain why you should be awarded this scholarship.

5. If awarded this scholarship, how do you intend to use the funds?

6. Add any comments or additional information that may be helpful to the committee in considering you for this scholarship (optional).
Judge Nathaniel R. Jones Memorial Scholarship

The Judge Nathaniel R. Jones Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a Black student attending either University of Cincinnati College of Law or the Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law who has demonstrated a strong commitment to academic excellence and community service.

1. Describe your academic, political, civic, and legal achievements.

2. Explain your commitment to the community.

3. Explain why you should be awarded this scholarship.

4. Add any comments or additional information that may be helpful to the committee in considering you for this scholarship (optional).
MEMBERSHIP INDICATION AND CERTIFICATION

MEMBERSHIPS:  
Black Law Students Association – Yes _____ / No _____ (check one)  
Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati – Yes _____ / No _____ (check one)  
National Bar Association – Yes _____ / No _____ (check one)

CERTIFICATION:  
I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct, and authorize BLAC to contact my law school and recommender(s) to verify information.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________

We reserve the right to contact your law school and recommender(s) to verify any information provided.
RECOMMENDATION FORM

For □ Theodore M. Berry  □ William A. McClain  □ Jack Sherman, Jr.
□ Shanda L. Spurlock Scholarship    □ Judge Nathaniel R. Jones Scholarship(s)

(Check all that apply)

NAME OF APPLICANT: ________________________________________________________________

NAME OF RECOMMENDER: _____________________________________________________________

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _______________________________________________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS: _________________________________________________________________

HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT, AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?

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RECOMMENDER: Please email this form and your signed letter of recommendation (on your letterhead) so that it is received by 5:00 pm Eastern on Saturday, February 24, 2024. Please send scanned pdf versions of the originals only. An application is incomplete if the letter of recommendation and the recommendation form are not received by the due date and time.

PLEASE SEND TO:

Jordan McSayles, Chairperson
Ebun Taiwo, Chairperson
BLAC Scholarship Committee
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_____________________________________________  _________________________
Signature of Recommender                      Date