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Haitian Lawyers Association

SCHOLARSHIP

Program

ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be of Haitian descent or demonstrate involvement with the Haitian community
- Must be in good academic standing
- Must submit a transcript from a Florida Law School
- Must submit a personal statement (maximum two pages) that describes the student's involvement in the community, the student's financial need for the scholarship as well as the reason(s) the student believes he/she is better qualified for the scholarship
- Must submit a professional headshot photo to be included in the gala program book in the event that the applicant is chosen as the scholarship recipient
- Each applicant is required to join HLA (\$25 for law students a year)
- Each applicant will intern with HLA or an HLA member's law firm for at least 50 hours
- Each applicant that is awarded a scholarship is required to attend the gala and/or record a 30-45 second video to be played at the gala

SUBMIT VIA EMAIL TO:

- info@haitianlawyersassociation.org
- Geralda David, Esq. at dbagasala@DavidLawOffice.com

ENTRY PERIOD:

- Until March 15, 2023
- Applicants will be notified by: March 30, 2023

Each
selected
student will
be awarded
at least
\$1,200!



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PURPOSE

The Haitian Lawyers Association (“HLA”) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing financial assistance to Haitian-American law students and law students interested in activities of importance to the Haitian-American community. Since its inception, HLA has provided scholarships for deserving law students in accredited law schools and has honored the memory of distinguished lawyers and judges by awarding scholarships in their memory.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is based on academic performance, leadership potential, and participation in community programs including, but not limited to, volunteer hours. Scholarships are awarded annually, provided funds are available.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

HLA awards scholarships on the basis of a comprehensive process. Areas that are reviewed by the committee include, but are not limited to, the following: Academic Accomplishments, Community Service, References, Personal Essay and Financial Need. HLA pays scholarship funds directly to the recipient. Scholarships are awarded annually. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. Scholarships awarded are based upon the availability of funds and additional qualifying criteria.

CRITERIA

- Applicant must be a law student of Haitian heritage who has distinguished himself/herself academically and/or in service-oriented activities; **OR** any law student who has distinguished himself/herself in research, writing, community services, and/or other activities of importance to the Haitian-American community;
- Applicant must be a currently enrolled student in good academic standing at an accredited Florida law school;
- Applicant must submit a complete formal application for a HLA Scholarship;
- Applicants must be a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States; and
- Applicants must complete and submit a typed Scholarship Application and provide all supporting documents listed below (i.e., resume, evidence of enrollment, etc.) no later than **March 15, 2023**.

TIMELINE

- Applications and supporting documentation are due no later than **March 15, 2023**.
- Candidates may be asked for an interview by the Scholarship Committee.
- Applicants are notified if awarded a scholarship by March 30, 2023.

APPLICATION PROCESS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

- A typed Scholarship Application (If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space);
- A competitive essay (no more than 1,000 words) focusing on, and describing in detail, the activities and achievements that qualify him/her for the award, as well as a statement of financial need;
- An updated resume;
- A copy of his/her transcripts

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- Candidates will be notified by phone or email in March regarding the status of your application;
- Awards will be made out and given directly to the recipient;
- Awards will be given at the Annual Scholarship Awards Reception; April 15, 2023
- Applicant must provide their correct mailing address, if unable to attend the reception;
- Award amounts will be distributed annually after all requirements are met;

EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

- Geralda David, Esq.
- info@haitianlawyersassociation.org AND dbagasala@DavidLawOffice.com
- Subject: 2022-2023 HLA Scholarship Application – [Applicant Name]

*If you have any questions about the application process, please contact
Geralda David, Esq., by email at dbagasala@DavidLawOffice.com*

2022-2023

HLA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Must be filled out by applicant)

Please check one of the following:

New Scholarship Applicant _____

Repeat Scholarship Applicant _____

Please **type** or **print** your answers below. If application is illegible, it will be returned to you.

1	First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____					
2	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP CODE: _____					
3	Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____					
4	Law School Name: _____ Law School Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ Phone Number: _____					
5	Current Year (circle): 1L 2L 3L			Expected Graduation Date: _____		
6	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA; your most recent official school transcript required.					
7	List the name of any college you have attended:					
			Year Began	Year Ended	Year Graduated	Type of Degree Received
	A.					
	B.					
	C.					

Please list the following information on a separate sheet, if needed:

8	EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Please list any extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and dates.
9	AREA OF PRACTICE: What area of practice do you plan on going into after graduation?
10	ORGANIZATIONS: Please list school/community organizations such as service, volunteer and religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles and dates.
11	RECOGNITIONS: Please list important awards and recognitions received. Note organizations presenting honor and date.
12	GOALS: What are your short- and long-term goals?
13	NEED: Please explain your need for the HLA Scholarship.

14	CAREER PLANS: What are your career plans and what would you like to be doing in 10 years?		
15	A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee. B. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.) C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item, as required.		
	YES	NO	COMPETITIVE ESSAY. Must focus on, and describe in detail, the activities and achievements that qualify the applicant for the award, as well as a statement of financial need. (no more than 1,000 words)
	YES	NO	OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT. Must show proof of enrollment for upcoming academic year.
	YES	NO	UPDATED RESUME.
	YES	NO	ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 1-15.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the HLA Scholarship Committee is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the HLA Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, according to scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the law school of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: _____

Printed Name of Scholarship Applicant: _____

Date: _____

The deadline for this application to be received by HLA is March 15, 2023.