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Dear Law Student:

The Garden State Bar Association (GSBA) cordially invites you to apply for a 2023 scholarship, which **will be awarded on Saturday, August 19, 2023** at our 48th Anniversary Scholarship & Awards Gala to be held at Brookdale Country Club in Florham Park, NJ.

The GSBA was created to support African-American and other attorneys of color to gain and maintain permanence in the legal profession in the State of New Jersey. In an effort to give back to the community, more than thirty (30) years ago, the GSBA created a Scholarship Fund to help African-American law students attending schools in New Jersey. Traditionally, one student from each of New Jersey's law schools was chosen to receive a scholarship. However, the GSBA has expanded the scholarship program to permit New Jersey residents attending law schools outside of New Jersey to apply.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled in a New Jersey law school or be a New Jersey resident enrolled in an accredited law school in another state;
- At the time of submission, be a member of the Garden State Bar Association (Join for free at www.gardenstatebar.org.)
- As of Fall 2023, be a full-time second-year student, a full-time third year student graduating in May 2024, or a part-time second, third or fourth-year student;
- Demonstrate financial need;
- Be significantly involved in law school and community activities that benefit the African-American or Black community;
- Submit a Scholarship Application (the PDF is fillable);
- Submit a current resume;
- Submit a Biography (no more than a single page); and
- Submit an unofficial Law School Transcript printed from the Registrar's Office's online portal

In addition to the above, all applications will be judged based upon their content, clarity, ability to follow directions and professionalism.

Application materials must be emailed in PDF format to gbsascholarship2023@gmail.com as **one submission** and received no later than **Monday, July 10, 2023 at 11:59pm EST**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. All applicants will receive a confirmation email acknowledging receipt of application materials. Tentatively, required virtual or in-person interviews with the Scholarship Committee will be scheduled between July 24-27, 2023.

All successful scholarship recipients will be notified by email on or before **July 28, 2023**. Each scholarship recipient will be invited to attend the Gala on August 19, 2023 as a guest of the GSBA.

If you have any questions about the application, the requirements or process for applying, please contact the Scholarship Committee at gbsascholarship2023@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

/s/Sobande F. Afolabi, Esq.
Scholarship Committee, Chairman

/s/ Natalya Johnson, Esq.
President

/s/James A. Lewis V, Esq.
President-Elect



2023 GSBA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY.

NAME _____
[First] [M.I.] [Last]

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS _____
[Street]

[City/Town] [State] [Zip Code]

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____
(If different than current) [Street]

[City/Town] [State] [Zip Code]

TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Day: _____ Evening: _____ Cell: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ @ _____

NAME OF LAW SCHOOL _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____
[Street]

[City/Town] [State] [Zip Code]

FULL TIME STATUS AS OF FALL 2023: 2ND YR [] 3RD YR []

PART TIME STATUS AS OF FALL 2023: 2ND YR [] 3RD YR [] 4TH YR []

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A GSBA SCHOLARSHIP? NO [] YES [] If yes, what year? _____ Amount? \$ _____

WILL YOU RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID IN THE FALL 2023? YES [] NO []

SOURCE OF EXPECTED FINANCIAL AID (PLEASE INCLUDE TYPE AND AMOUNT):

GRANTS: _____

LOANS: _____

OTHER: _____

ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, PLEASE ADDRESS EACH OF THE FOLLOWING IN THE FORM OF AN ESSAY:

1. LAW SCHOOL ACTIVITIES THAT BENEFIT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN OR BLACK COMMUNITY (UNDER EACH ACTIVITY, LIST YOUR INVOLVEMENT).
2. EXTRACURRICULAR/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN THE LAST 2 YEARS THAT BENEFIT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN OR BLACK COMMUNITY (UNDER EACH ACTIVITY, LIST YOUR INVOLVEMENT).
3. LIST ANY HONORS OR SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS YOU HAVE RECEIVED, INCLUDING DATE AND BASIS OF RECOGNITION.
4. DESCRIBE IN DETAIL WHAT YOUR GOALS ARE UPON GRADUATION AND 5 YEARS THEREAFTER? (2 PAGE LIMIT)
5. DESCRIBE IN YOUR OWN WORDS WHY YOU NEED THIS SCHOLARSHIP AND HOW YOU PLAN TO USE IT. (2 PAGE LIMIT)
6. ONE (1) LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE LEGAL COMMUNITY OR A COMMUNITY LEADER WHO CAN SPEAK TO YOUR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND/OR YOUR CHARACTER. (A FAMILY MEMBER MAY NOT WRITE A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION.)

THIS APPLICATION AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ONE PACKAGE, SCANNED AND EMAILED IN PDF FORMAT NO LATER THAN **JULY 10, 2023** to: gbscholarship2023@gmail.com.



2023 GSBA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

I, _____, a law school student at _____, certify that the information I have provided in response to the 2023 GSBA Scholarship Application is true and accurate. I am aware that if any statement or information provided by me in this scholarship application or any supplemental information is willfully false, I will be disqualified from any further consideration and may be subject to return any scholarship award received.

Additionally, if I am selected as a 2023 GSBA Scholarship Recipient, I give GSBA express consent to publish my name, photo and likeness on its website and other social media outlets, and in its Souvenir Journal and/or other materials associated with GBSA's scholarships, programs, presentations and initiatives.

Signature _____

Date _____



2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

All materials must be submitted on or before the due date (**July 10, 2023 by 11:59pm EST**). Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered.

- Completed 2023 Scholarship Application
- Current Resume
- One-page Biography
- List of Law School Activities
- List of Extracurricular/Community Activities in the last 2 years
- List of any Honors or Special Recognitions
- Description of your goals upon graduation and 5 years thereafter (2-page limit)
- Description of why you need this scholarship and how you plan to use it (2-page limit)
- Unofficial Current Law School Transcript from the online portal of your school's Registrar's Office.
- One Letter of Recommendation
- Signed Certification
- All materials were emailed as one submission to gbscholarship2023@gmail.com on _____, 2023.
- Acknowledgment of emailed submission was received on _____, 2023.

Please do not submit this Checklist with your application. This is for your personal file.