



2017
Friends of the MBBA
Diversity
In The Legal Profession
LSAT Prep Scholarship Application

I. OBJECTIVE AND DESCRIPTION

The Friends of The Metropolitan Black Bar Association as the charitable arm of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association (MBBA) provides financial scholarships to help prospective and current law students from diverse backgrounds. Additionally, these scholarships are part of the MBBA Pipeline and “#MBBAGIVES” programs where under these initiatives the purpose is to promote greater diversity within the profession, particularly from populations underrepresented in the field, and to help future leaders of the profession from such diverse backgrounds afford a legal education. The purpose of this scholarship is to cover the costs for preparatory courses for the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT). **This year’s scholarship theme is “Black Lawyers Matter.”**

II. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to receive a scholarship, an applicant must be of a racially or ethnically diverse background, a permanent resident of New York City, and registered for an upcoming LSAT within the 2016-2017 test administration cycle (<http://www.lsac.org/jd/lsat/test-dates-deadlines>).

*Applicants who are immediate family members of MBBA Board of Directors are ineligible to receive a scholarship.

**Applicants who are currently enrolled in an LSAT Prep course will be eligible for reimbursement if selected. Proof of course payment required.

III. SELECTION CRITERIA

In addition to the eligibility requirements above, selection criteria include:

- A. Undergraduate and graduate (if applicable) academic record
- B. Demonstrated leadership skills
- C. Relevant work experience
- D. Community service
- E. Financial need

IV. APPLICATION DEADLINE

A completed application must be emailed in pdf format by Tuesday, January 31, 2017 to:

Email Subject Line: Friends of the MBBA Diversity In the Legal Profession LSAT Prep Scholarship
via email to scholarship@mbbanyc.org

V. APPLICATION REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

The following materials should be submitted with your completed Application Form:

- ☐ Current resume
- ☐ Copy of your undergraduate and if applicable graduate transcripts



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APPLICATION FORM

Instructions: The form may be typed or printed using either black or blue ink.

1. Name: _____
Last First Middle

2. Race / Ethnic Origin (Please mark all that apply)

☐ American Indian / Alaskan Native (please specify American Indian Tribal)

☐ Black / African American (non-Hispanic) or African

☐ Hispanic / Latino

☐ Asian / Pacific Islander

☐ Other (please specify): _____

3. Email Address: _____

4. Current Address:

Street

City State Zip Code

Telephone number at which we may reach you about the scholarships

5. Are you currently enrolled in an LSAT Prep Course? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which provider: _____

6. Financial Need

Please briefly state any hardships that should be considered in the review of your application

7. Personal Statement

Please submit a personal statement discussing (1) how you will use your legal education to embody the scholarship theme “Black Lawyers Matter” and (2) how you foresee this scholarship assisting in this regard. (750 words or less)

8. Certification

I certify that I am eligible for a Friends of the MBBA Diversity in the Legal Profession LSAT Prep Scholarship in accordance with the eligibility requirements set forth in Section II of this application and that all information I have provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of information contained in this application will disqualify my application from consideration for a scholarship award. I understand that if falsification is discovered after I have received the scholarship award, I will be required to repay all funds received.

I acknowledge that the awarding of the Friends of the MBBA Diversity in the Legal Profession LSAT Prep Scholarships is within the sole discretion of the MBBA, and I waive any claims with respect to the application process and the award.

Printed Name

Signature

Date