

# NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION

Gateway to Success Scholarship Award Application





## **National Bar Association Corporate Law Section: Gateway to Success Scholarship Awards 2025**

### **Scholarship Award Objectives**

The NBA Gateway to Success Scholarship Award helps to fulfill the National Bar Association's ("NBA") mission of strengthening the pipeline for minority law students. Further, the award encourages involvement in the NBA through student support and collaboration. Additionally, this scholarship serves to facilitate and encourage minorities to enter the legal profession by assisting minority students to meet the challenges and financial burdens of college and law school. Therefore, the NBA has partnered with several minority organizations to identify deserving candidates to receive the NBA Corporate Law Section Gateway to Success Scholarship Award (hereinafter "Scholarship Award"). In the past, there have been up to six Scholarship Awards given to deserving applicants, including three undergraduate students who intend to apply and attend law school and three law school students currently attending law school.

### **Scholarship Criteria and Eligibility**

The Scholarships will be awarded nationally to up to six diverse students including undergraduate students who intend to apply and attend law school and current law school students attending law school or who will be attending law school in the Fall of 2025. Any student in a gap year must include documentation that (s)he has been accepted and will be attending law school no later than the Fall of 2025. The scholarship recipients will be considered based on their economic need, involvement in the community and diversity related student organizations, leadership abilities and academic achievement. Selection criteria includes financial need, merit, and scholastic performance. Consideration will also be given to extracurricular activities both inside and outside law school and undergraduate school.

Applications may also be obtained by sending an e-mail or calling the number below:

NBA Gateway to Success Scholarship Award 2025  
LaShawnda K. Jackson, Gateway Committee Scholarship Chair  
ljacksonesq@gmail.com  
(407) 298-7768

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TO APPLY:

Email complete application packet as a single pdf document to:  
ljacksonesq@gmail.com

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE EMAILED NO LATER THAN  
8:00 PM EST. on February 13, 2025.**

**(We will not accept any applications emailed after 8:00 p.m. EST on February 13, 2025)**

## **NBA GATEWAY TO SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2025**

This application should be completed and returned to the NBA Gateway Committee Scholarship Chair, in .pdf format via e-mail only to LaShawnda K. Jackson, ljacksonesq@gmail.com. **Applications must be emailed no later than 8:00 pm EST on February 13, 2025. Incomplete application packets and or applications emailed after the deadline will not be considered.** This scholarship recipients will be announced during the 2025 Gateway to Success Conference in April 4, 2025, at Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas (attendance not required).

*The recommended format for submission of the application packet is to submit one (1) pdf document that includes all portions of the application packet.*

Please print or type in black ink.

### **I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

MARITAL STATUS: \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married

NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

### **II. LAW SCHOOL/COLLEGE INFORMATION (Current Status as of date of application)**

LAW SCHOOL/COLLEGE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASSIFICATION (i.e. First, Second, Third year, freshman, soph., jun.): \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: (cumulative) \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS RANKING: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

LAWSCHOOL/COLLEGE ACTIVITIES (please attach additional pages as necessary):

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: \_\_\_\_\_

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### III. REQUIRED INFORMATION AND ESSAY

Please attach (1) at least two letters of recommendation prepared for the NBA Gateway to Success Scholarship Award;<sup>1</sup> (2) Undergraduate Transcript (preferably certified); (3) Law School Transcript (for law students who have completed at least one semester only) (preferably certified); (4) documentation that you have been accepted and will be attending law school no later than the Fall of 2025 (for students in a gap year only); and (5) prepare a two-page typewritten essay to the following question:

1. Why do you want to be a lawyer? As a future, leader in the legal profession, what positive impact do you feel you can make to improve the image of the legal profession and the National Bar Association?

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<sup>1</sup> Letters of recommendation can be sent directly from the drafter. However, you are still responsible for the timely submission of all application materials, including letters of recommendation. Any letters received after the deadline will not be accepted and the application packet will be deemed incomplete and rejected without two timely submitted letters of recommendation.

#### IV. EMPLOYMENT AND FINANCIAL STATUS

Please provide YOUR employment record, if any, for the past two (2) years.

Employer	City, State	Dates Employed	Position	Salary

Spouse's or Parents' (if no Spouse) Employer:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Salary: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Last Year's Annual Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Last Year's Expenses: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(including parents/spouse)

Current Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR Present/Anticipated Expenses for 12 months: (please

itemize): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

% Education Personally Financed: \_\_\_\_\_ % Living Expenses Personally Financed: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Support Expected from Other Sources for 12 months: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please list sources of financial awards, grants, fellowships, scholarships, gifts, and contributions that you currently receive or anticipate receiving, you may add another page if necessary)

Are you or do you anticipate living with your parents while enrolled in law school/college?

\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ YES

Military Experience: \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES If yes, please complete the following:

Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Are You Eligible for G.I. Bill Assistance? \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT:** I have reviewed the information listed in this application for omission and errors. To the best of my knowledge the information is complete and accurate as reported. I understand that the NBA reserves the right to investigate all information in this application.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_