



AAML Illinois Chapter William Stewart Boyd Scholarship

Instructions: Please complete this application form and include all documents requested. Please email your application and supporting documents to:

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Deadline: Applications will be accepted ending November 15, 2025

Requirements: All Applicants must complete the application form and essay below and sign the release of information to allow the AAML Illinois Chapter to confirm the applicant's enrollment as a 1L or 2L in an Illinois Law School for the 2025 - 2026 academic year.

Applicants must submit an official copy of the Applicant's most recent transcript, two letters of recommendation (at least one from a law professor) and a current resume.

Applicants who are selected as a scholarship recipient agree to sign a release to allow the AAML Illinois Chapter permission to use the scholarship recipient's name and relevant information, photographs and videos of the scholarship recipient (and a scholarship recipient will provide a headshot photograph), and statements for traditional media outlets, social media channels, website and marketing materials without compensation to the scholarship recipient.

The "AAML Illinois Chapter William Stewart Boyd Scholarship" is the scholarship sponsored by the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. This scholarship is a one-time award of \$5,000 (paid in two increments of \$2,500) to one 1L or 2L law student attending an Illinois Law School during the 2025 - 2026 academic year.

Applicants who are selected as a scholarship recipient agree to make all best efforts to attend two AAML Illinois Chapter events at which scholarship checks (two increments of \$2,500) will be presented.

To qualify, the Applicant must:

- Identify as being of African descent (i.e., Black, African American, Afro-Caribbean, Afro-Latin);
- Be enrolled on a fulltime basis as a 1L or 2L in an accredited Illinois Law School
- Have an interest in Family Law



WILLIAM STEWART BOYD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

First Name Middle Name Last Name : _
Home Street Address Apt. City State Zip Code _
Email Address
Daytime Phone Number
Preferred pronouns

RELEASE OF INFORMATION:

I am currently enrolled as a 1L or 2L in law school in Illinois at for the 2025 - 2026 academic year. I authorize AAML Illinois Chapter to contact (please provide the name, telephone number, and email address of the person in admissions at your law school who can verify your enrollment):

ESSAY: In an attached essay of 500 words or less, please state why you should be considered a strong candidate to receive this scholarship by addressing one or more of the following:

1. What factors in your personal background, grades and academic interests brought you to enroll in law school?
2. What interests do you have in the field of matrimonial or family law?
3. Are you personally interested in working to benefit families in your community? If so, how would you like to do this?
4. Where do you see yourself professionally ten years from now?

Applications from applicants who do not meet the qualifications and/or do not submit the completed application form including the release of information, an essay, an official copy of the applicant's most recent transcript, two letters of recommendation (at least one from a law professor if a 2L), and a current resume will not be considered for the scholarship. Prior recipients of the AAML Illinois Chapter William Stewart Boyd Scholarship for African American Law Students are ineligible.

