MINORITY LAW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP
SPONSORED BY J.L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

QUALIFICATIONS/ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:

• UNITED STATES CITIZEN OR PERMANENT LEGAL RESIDENT

• CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN AN ABA-ACCREDITED LAW SCHOOL IN THE UNITED STATES AS A PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME STUDENT

• GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING AT THE LAW SCHOOL (PROOF OF ACADEMIC STANDING IS REQUIRED)

• A MINIMUM GPA OF 3.0 FOR A MERIT SCHOLARSHIP OR 2.5 FOR A FINANCIAL NEED SCHOLARSHIP

• SECOND OR THIRD YEAR MINORITY LAW STUDENT FROM THE DFW METROPLEX OR ATTENDING LAW SCHOOL IN THE DFW METROPLEX

• SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND, VIRTUAL OR IN-PERSON, THE J.L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION GALA (SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021) TO ACCEPT THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

****DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021 AT 5:00 PM CST****

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

**ALL MATERIALS MUST BE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE FOUNDATION BY DEADLINE**
For more than two decades, the J. L. Turner Legal Association Foundation has awarded scholarships to minority law students attending law school or who are from the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Sponsorships from the Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala are used to fund the scholarships.

There are two distinct types of JLTLA Foundation Minority Law Student Scholarships: MERIT-BASED and FINANCIAL NEED.

**Merit-Based Minority Scholarships:** There are four (4) JLTLA merit-based scholarships that may be awarded in a given year. These are primarily academic scholarship awards. The merit scholarships are as follows:

- **The Barbara Jordan Scholarship** - awarded to the most outstanding female minority law student applicant.
- **The Fred Finch Scholarship** - awarded to the most outstanding male minority law student applicant.
- **The Marie Trahan/Susman Godfrey Scholarship** - awarded to an outstanding African-American male or female law student born or raised in the state of Texas.
- **The Judge's Scholarship (Phyllis Lister Brown Memorial Scholarship)** - awarded to a male or female minority law student who has excelled academically.

**MERIT-BASED APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- OFFICIAL SEALED LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT WITH GRADES CONFIRMING ENROLLMENT
- UNOFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE TRANSCRIPT
- PROOF OF ACADEMIC STANDING
- LEGAL WRITING SAMPLE (5 pages or less)
- LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (maximum of one page, including signature, email, address, and phone number of references; *Letters from relatives or fellow law students will NOT be accepted.*)
- CURRENT RESUME THAT INCLUDES HONORS, ACTIVITIES, AND PUBLICATIONS
- BRIEF ESSAY DISCUSSING HOW YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GOALS ALIGN WITH THE MISSION OF THE J.L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION AND/OR THE J.L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION (one page, double-spaced, 500 words maximum)
**Financial Need Minority Scholarships**: Although JLTLA Foundation encourages academic excellence, the need-based scholarships focus on financial need and are not primarily academic scholarships. In selecting financial-need scholarship winners, we will consider an applicant's need, disadvantaged circumstances, community involvement, and other factors, in addition to merely, academic standing.

- **NEW Karen McCloud Memorial Scholarship** – awarded to a deserving and diverse law school student displaying financial need, a commitment to inclusion and excellence within the legal profession, a dedication to service in the community, and a relentless focus on justice for all.

- **NEW Teegan Hill Memorial Scholarship**¹ – awarded to a female minority law student from the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, with demonstrated financial need who (1) has a record of community service and/or bar service; (2) has expressed an interest in litigation and/or the court system through participation in moot court, mock trial, or course work; and (3) plans to practice law in Dallas upon graduation.

- **Capt. Richard Stewart, JAG Corp. U.S. Navy (Ret.) Legal Education Scholarship** – awarded to an outstanding minority law student with demonstrated financial need who: (1) currently serves or was honorably discharged from a branch of the U.S. military, as evidenced by a valid DD214; (2) is a child of a U.S. military veteran, as evidenced by a valid DD214; or (3) is a current member of, or has been accepted and plans to enter, the U.S. JAG Corp.

- **General Financial Need Awards** – awarded to minority law students with demonstrated financial need and connection to DFW metroplex.

**FINANCIAL NEED APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- **OFFICIAL SEALED LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT WITH GRADES CONFIRMING ENROLLMENT**

- **LEGAL WRITING SAMPLE** (5 pages or less)

- **BRIEF STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL NEED** (maximum of one page, summary of annual expenses, financial aid, income sources, and other scholarships, etc.)

- **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION** (maximum of one page, including signature, email, address, and phone number of references; *Letters from relatives or fellow law students will NOT be accepted.*)

- **CURRENT RESUME THAT INCLUDES HONORS, ACTIVITIES, AND PUBLICATIONS**

- **BRIEF ESSAY DISCUSSING HOW YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GOALS ALIGN WITH THE MISSION OF THE J.L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION AND/OR THE J.L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION** (one page, double-spaced, 500 words maximum)

- **DD214 (Military Scholarship Applicants ONLY)**

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NAME____________________________________________________________

Application for the following: ☐ FINANCIAL NEED ☐ MERIT ☐ BOTH/ALL awards
Any specific financial need award?

U.S. CITIZEN: YES ☐ NO ☐ PERMANENT RESIDENT: YES ☐ NO ☐

☐ AFRICAN/AFRICAN-AMERICAN ☐ HISPANIC ☐ ASIAN

☐ OTHER (Please specify) ______________________________________________

CURRENT ADDRESS __________________________________________________
(Street/P.O. Box) (City, State and Zip Code)

PHONE NUMBER ___________________ DATE OF BIRTH____________________

PERMANENT ADDRESS (If different from above)

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E-MAIL ADDRESS _____________________________________________________________

LAW SCHOOL _________________________________________________________________

GPA ______ CLASS RANK ______ 1L 2L 3L (Circle One) EXPECTED GRAD DATE: ___________

BLSA MEMBER: YES ☐ NO ☐ (If similar organization, please name): ________________________________

UNDERGRADUATE
INSTITUTION_________________________________________________ GPA ______

EXPLAIN YOUR CONNECTION TO THE DALLAS-FORT WORTH METROPOLIS

__________________________________________________________________________________

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MILITARY SERVICE (YOU/PARENT)? YES ☐ NO ☐ BRANCH __________________________

TYPE OF SERVICE? (Active, Reserve, JAG, etc.) ____________________________________________

SERVICE DATES: ______________________________________________________________________

HAVE YOU EVER RECEIVED A JLTLAF SCHOLARSHIP? YES ☐ NO ☐
If yes, when and what amount? ___________________________________________________________________

ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO ATTEND THE JLTF GALA VIRTUALLY THIS YEAR? YES ___ NO____
ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO ATTEND THE JLTF GALA IN-PERSON THIS YEAR? YES ___ NO____

By signing this application, Applicant attests that the information contained herein is true and correct.

________________________________________ (Applicant Signature) ________________________ (Date)
Please return ALL application materials via email, except the official law school transcript, which should be mailed (see info below on mailing official transcript). PLEASE SEND ITEMS REQUESTED BY EMAIL TO: JLTLAF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (jltlscholarship@gmail.com) with the subject: 2021 JLTLAF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION/[Applicant Name].

(1) **Completed Application Packet** (materials described on page 1&2, application on page 3); **SEND VIA EMAIL IN SINGLE PDF FILE, Do NOT send a separate PDF/file for EACH component of application packet.**

(2) **Official law school transcript** (if your transcript does not show class rank or standing, please provide additional documentation to verify your class rank, such as a letter from the Dean).

**PLEASE SEND OFFICIAL COPY OF LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT TO:**
Walter Legal PLLC
Kandace Walter, JLTF Scholarship Committee Chair
2100 Alamo Road, Suite T
Richardson Texas 75080
**MUST BE RECEIVED BY APPLICATION DEADLINE; POSTMARK IS INSUFFICIENT**
**If your school sends official transcripts via email, direct to: kandace@walterlegal.com.**

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUESTED (Winners will be featured in the Gala program!)
(3) **Student Biography** (5-7 sentences, written in third person, for inclusion in gala program, if selected). (SEND VIA EMAIL)

(4) **Professional Photograph** (Hi-resolution photo (in .JPG format) of head and shoulders; photograph should be suitable for inclusion in a professional publication (business attire preferred)). (SEND VIA EMAIL)

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ALL APPLICATION PACKET MUST BE SUBMITTED IN A SINGLE PDF DOCUMENT.

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For more information about J. L. Turner Foundation and/or the scholarship, please visit www.jlturnerfoundation.org or contact:

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