2021 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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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 METROPLEX

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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.

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(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 ([jltlafscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:jltlafscholarship@gmail.com)) with the subject: 2021 JLTAF 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.

COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKETS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021 AT 5:00 PM, CST.

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

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