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## **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY & WOMEN OWNED LAW FIRMS JOEL STERN DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION PIPELINE SCHOLARSHIP**

The National Association of Minority & Women Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF) Joel Stern Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Pipeline Scholarship is an annual law school scholarship sponsored by NAMWOLF to provide financial support to students who contribute to the diversity of the law school student body as they pursue their legal career.

NAMWOLF will provide three (3) scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each for the 2021-2022 law school year.

NAMWOLF, founded in 2001, is a nonprofit trade association comprised of minority and women owned law firms and other interested parties throughout the United States. Many corporations and public entities interested in diversifying their outside law firm ranks have focused almost exclusively on the utilization of minority and female attorneys at majority firms. Yet the available data strongly suggests that these efforts have not resulted in greater diversity in the legal profession. It is NAMWOLF's view that the most effective way for corporations to increase diversity in the legal profession is to increase their retention of minority and women owned law firms. NAMWOLF's Law Firm Membership is comprised of AV-rated firms across the nation which represent major corporate clients. NAMWOLF assists its Law Firm Members in developing strategic alliances, coalitions, and affiliations with corporations, in-house counsel, and other legal trade associations. Through these efforts, NAMWOLF helps ensure the long-term survival of minority and women owned law firms.

### **Scholarship Selection Criteria**

The Joel Stern Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Pipeline Scholarship is open to 2021–2022 second- and third year students who are enrolled in an ABA accredited law program in the state of Maryland or students who attend an ABA accredited historically black college or university (HBCU). To qualify for this annual based scholarship, a candidate must be enrolled and in good standing at an ABA accredited HBCU school of law program or enrolled in an ABA accredited law school in the state of Maryland. The goal of these scholarships is to provide financial assistance to three (3) worthy law students to promote diversity in the legal profession. Three scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each will be awarded to applicants who best meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrated academic excellence
- Service to the profession
- Service to the community (including diversity and inclusion service)

### **Qualification Requirements:**

- Recipient is enrolled and in good standing with an ABA accredited HBCU or an ABA accredited Maryland school of law program
- 2L or 3L during the 2021-2022 school year



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**Application Process:**

- The attached application and related materials must be completed and emailed to [scholarship@namwolf.org](mailto:scholarship@namwolf.org) no later than July 15, 2021.
- Two letters of recommendation (Academic or Employer) forwarded directly to Scholarship Selection Committee.
- Submit a copy of your résumé.
- Submit a copy of your most recent law school transcript (official or unofficial).
- Provide high resolution JPEG photo for program material.
- Finalists will be interviewed via videoconference with the Scholarship Selection Committee.

**Deadline:**

All application materials must be sent in PDF via email on or before the July 15 deadline.

Applications, related materials, and questions should be directed to: NAMWOLF Scholarship Selection Committee at [scholarship@namwolf.org](mailto:scholarship@namwolf.org).

**Notification:**

The Scholarship Selection Committee will notify scholarship recipients no later than September 10, 2021. Additionally, recipients will be invited to attend the Virtual Annual Meeting October 05-07, 2021.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY & WOMEN OWNED LAW FIRMS DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP**

**I. Personal Information (Type or print clearly)**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: (optional) Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Pronoun \_\_\_\_\_  LGBT (optional)

Ethnicity: (optional)  Native American  Asian  Hispanic  
 Black/African American  Two or more races



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Law School currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Classification beginning fall 2021 (2L or 3L) \_\_\_\_\_

Full time or Part time \_\_\_\_\_ Day or Evening Division \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Law School Activities:** Discuss your law school activities. For example: law review or law journals, moot court trial advocacy experience; clinical experience; legal writing competitions, etc. Attach an additional page, if necessary. Special consideration will be given to activities that promote diversity and inclusion.

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**III. Extracurricular Activities:** Describe your extracurricular activities outside of law school. Attach an additional page, if necessary. Special consideration will be given to activities that promote diversity and inclusion.

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**IV. Questions** (Answer all questions. Please limit your responses to one page per question.)

- A. Tell us about yourself. You can use this section to talk about your goals, strengths, areas of development, and/or family background. This is your opportunity to tell us something about yourself that we would not be able to learn about you by reviewing your resume or transcript.
- B. Tell us how you plan to use your legal education to contribute to the advancement of diversity within the legal profession.

The information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_