

DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The lawyers, legal personnel, and staff at Morgan Lewis represent a diverse mixture of backgrounds, ethnicities, and cultures. We are strengthened by this diversity. Morgan Lewis is therefore proud to present the Morgan Lewis Foundation Diversity Scholarship through the Morgan Lewis Foundation (ML Foundation). We strive to promote diversity in the legal profession, thereby strengthening the profession and improving its contributions to our communities.

ABOUT

Established in 2014, the ML Foundation, an independent 501(c)(3), uses funds awarded to Morgan Lewis in a historic settlement on behalf of African American families working to combat nearly a century of government-sponsored racial segregation in the Baltimore area. The organization has awarded close to \$2 million in scholarship funds to promising law students.

AWARD

The ML Foundation Diversity Scholarship will be a gift, typically set at \$20,000 for the second year of law school and \$20,000 for the third year of law school, provided that the student remains eligible.

ELIGIBILITY

To receive an ML Foundation Diversity Scholarship, an applicant must be enrolled in New York University School of Law. The applicant must successfully complete the first year of law school, be entering the second year of law school with an anticipated graduation in 2025, and be of diverse racial ethnicity.

Directors from the ML Foundation will evaluate each applicant and consider such factors as academic achievement, financial need, work and life experiences, leadership, and non-academic contributions. The ML Foundation intends, in most years, to select one rising 2L applicant from each eligible school.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To be considered for an ML Foundation Diversity Scholarship, an applicant must submit a (1) completed application form, (2) resume, (3) personal statement, (4) law school transcript, and (5) signed Financial Eligibility Disclosure and Consent Form. The application package should be **emailed for receipt on or before February 22, 2023**, to **Marcia Notarangelo** at marcia.notarangelo@morganlewis.com (Tel: +1.617.951.8166). Scholarship finalists will be interviewed by the ML Foundation board of directors.

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ML FOUNDATION DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I. INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Race/Ethnicity (Select all that apply.)

- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Middle Eastern North African
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- Two or more races
- White
- Other (Specify)

II. EDUCATION

Law School: _____

Address: _____

Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____

Awards/Honors: _____

College/University: _____

Address: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Major: _____

Awards/Honors: _____

High School: _____

Address: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

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III. EMPLOYMENT

Employer (City): _____

Dates of Employment: _____

Position/Responsibility: _____

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IV. FINANCIAL NEED

Please describe the method by which you funded your undergraduate studies and your law school education thus far, as well as any extraordinary or unique financial aid issues (attach a separate page if necessary).

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VI. PERSONAL STATEMENT (No more than 600 words.)

The ML Foundation Diversity Scholarship Program is intended to promote diversity in the legal profession, thereby strengthening the profession and enhancing its contributions to our communities.

Please explain how your experiences, goals, and participation in the program will advance the program's objective. You might discuss (1) how life experiences or diversity have shaped your perspectives and values; (2) your decision to attend law school and your plans after graduation; (3) challenges or hardships that you have encountered in your pursuit of a law career; and/or (4) your academic, leadership, or other achievements.

Signature/Date

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ML FOUNDATION DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY DISCLOSURE AND CONSENT FORM

I understand that in order to determine my eligibility for the ML Foundation Diversity Scholarship, the ML Foundation board must review certain financial information provided by me or by the financial aid office of my law school.

Accordingly, I hereby authorize _____ to release to the ML Foundation the following financial information from my FAFSA and any other supplemental application or other documentation regarding financial need submitted to my law school:

- Student income and assets
- Parental income and assets
- Family size
- Number of dependents
- Real estate owned (investment)
- Amount of financial aid provided by my law school or another institution
- All law school transcripts

In addition, I hereby provide the following information, which I certify to be true and correct as of the time of this application:

Amount of undergraduate debt: _____

Aid received from parent(s) and/or other individual(s): _____

Amount of law school loan debt associated with my 1L year: _____

Amount and year of any Pell Grant received for undergraduate study: _____

Amount and year of any other state grant received for undergraduate study: _____

Applicant

Signature/Date