



2021 C. BAINBRIDGE SMITH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Application for 2020-2021 Academic Year

About our Office for Diversity & Inclusion

Together, with more than 160 signatory law firms and corporate legal departments, the New York City Bar Association's Office for Diversity and Inclusion (the Office) works to create a legal profession that represents the diverse country we live in. Our work starts with a pipeline to the profession— we assist underrepresented high school, college, and law students in preparing for a career in law. Then, we support lawyers across all levels of the industry, through our committee work, leadership training, speaking opportunities, and events that build community. The Office for Diversity and Inclusion is a part of the City Bar Fund, the 501(c)(3) arm of the New York City Bar Association.

About the Scholarship

The C. Bainbridge Smith Scholarship provides scholarships to law school students who are residents of New York City, demonstrate character, intelligence, and promising aptitude for the law, and face a special economic disadvantage (including lack of funds, or physical or socio-economic challenges).

Eligibility for the Scholarship

To be eligible for the C. Bainbridge Smith Scholarship, applicants must: **(I)** be a resident of New York City; **(II)** attend one of the following law schools: Brooklyn Law School, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Columbia University School of Law, CUNY School of Law, Fordham University School of Law, New York Law School, New York University School of Law, or St. John's University School of Law, and **(III)** face one or more economic disadvantages (including lack of funds or physical or socio-economic challenges).

For the third criterion **(III)**, the office will consider many factors, including but not limited to whether the applicant is:

- The first family member to attend law school
- From an economically disadvantaged family
- A member of a group currently underrepresented in law schools and law firms
- From a family with little or no legal education or experience
- An alumnus of a college or university whose graduates are historically underrepresented in law school

Scholarship recipients will have the award of \$5,000 directly disbursed to their law school to offset the cost of tuition.

Applicants should email Devanshi Shah, Senior Coordinator at dshab@nycbar.org directly with any questions.

Instructions

Every question must be completed or mark N/A if not applicable. Incomplete applications will not be further considered. If additional space is needed, include attachments. **Also include your resume and a 500-word statement of interest, with information you believe would be helpful in support of your need for this scholarship.**

Your application form, resume and statement of interest must be submitted to your law school administrator and provided to the New York City Bar by **Friday, December 4, 2020.**

Candidates selected for the scholarship will be notified by **Friday, January 29, 2021.**

1. Name of applicant: _____
2. Sex: Male Female Prefer not to say
3. Application type: New Renewal
4. Law school: _____
5. Law school year: _____
6. Program type: Day Evening
7. Expected date of graduation: _____
8. Current address: _____

9. Telephone number: _____
10. Permanent address: _____

11. Email address: _____
12. Number of years you have lived in New York City: _____
13. Law school grade point average and/or class standing: _____
14. Law school honors or awards: _____
15. Law school extracurricular activities: _____

16. Career goal(s) including type of law or practice area(s): _____

17. Type and amount of outstanding law school loans (attach additional sheet if necessary)

Name of Loan	Amount Outstanding

18. Type and amount of current law school scholarships, fellowships, and stipends

Name of Scholarship/Fellowship/Stipend	Amount

19. Type and amount of debt from college

Name of Loan	Amount Outstanding

20. Other debt

Category of Debt (e.g. credit card, auto loan, mortgage)	Amount Outstanding

21. Total amount of current debt from all sources: _____

22. Type and amount of law-related internships/externships, volunteer activities, and paid employment during the past 12 months: _____

23. Total current paid employment and annual income from that employment (specify amount and whether paid hourly, per diem, weekly, or other): _____

24. Other adults in your household: _____

25. Number of dependents or others relying on you for support: _____

26. Name of college/university: _____ Degree _____ Year _____

27. Name of other graduate school: _____ Degree _____ Year _____

28. Type and amount of financial aid received as an undergraduate or in another graduate program:

29. Type of paid employment, if any, between college and law school: _____

30. Honors or awards received as an undergraduate or at another graduate school: _____

Applicant Signature

Date

Print Name and Title of Law School administrator submitting this nomination:
