Black Law Students Association
Scholarship Committee
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www.csulaw.org/blsa

BLSA Excellence Award

SUBMISSION DATE
All application materials must be received no later than Friday, March 27, 2015 and returned to the above address, to the attention of the Scholarship Committee.

EVALUATION CRITERIA
Applications for our BLSA Excellence Award are evaluated according to the following criteria:
1. Must be a graduating senior from Cleveland Metropolitan area, during the current school year.
2. Must provide a comprehensive and complete application that is typed.
3. Must have at least a 2.5 (C+) cumulative grade point average from the time of application through the completion of the 12th grade.
4. Must submit two letters of recommendation from community representatives including, but not limited to, supervisors, religious leader, teachers, or counselors.
5. May also submit proof of community service activities in the form of a letter on official organizational letterhead. This includes religious activities
6. Must submit scholarship application by Friday, March 27, 2015 with an official high school transcript and written essay.

APPLICATION PROCESS
1. Obtain an application from the high school counselor’s office or other persons authorized to distribute the application.
2. Retrieve an official transcript of your high school grades from your school counselor. This must be submitted in a sealed envelope.
3. Submit two copies (original and one copy) of your completed scholarship application, written statement, letters of recommendation, and proof of community service if applicable. If your letters of recommendation are sealed, you do not need to send an extra copy.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
- The BLSA Excellence Award will be awarded based on a comprehensive and quality application with supporting documents. In addition, awards will be based on the evaluation criteria. High school grades will be considered, but are not the sole basis for selection.
- Two scholarships will be awarded in the amount of $1,000. Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail.
- Funds will be released upon receipt of proof of registration into a four-year college or university and final high school transcript. Proof of registration must be on official college or university letterhead.
- Scholarship checks will be made payable to the scholarship recipient.
- Scholarship recipients will be honored on Friday, April 17, at the CMLaw Black Law Students Association’s Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet.
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**PART I: PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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**PART II: EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION**

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**Cumulative Grade Point Average**

** High school transcripts must be provided directly from the school in a sealed envelope addressed to the Black Law Students Association at the address indicated on page 1. The sealed high school transcript **must** have the school’s official raised seal/stamp to be accepted for consideration.**
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EDUCATIONAL PLAN

Expected College Major Career Goal

Identify each of the colleges/universities to which you have applied. Please add a separate sheet of paper, if needed.

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PART III: WRITTEN ESSAY (500 word minimum)
On a separate sheet of paper, please provide a typed personal statement describing how a college education will better prepare you to actively address social justice issues in your community.

PART IV: RECOMMENDATIONS
Two letters of recommendation must accompany this application. One letter must be from a teacher, counselor, or principal at your high school. The second letter must be from a person who can verify your involvement in community service and/or religious activities. Applications submitted without this supporting documentation will not be considered.
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The letters of recommendation should clearly identify the name of the student and high school and address why this student deserves our support. All letters should be submitted with a contact number on professional/organizational stationary (preferred), and included with the final application package.

PART V (optional): EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

On a separate sheet of paper, please describe in paragraph format your involvement/participation in any of the following areas:

• HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS/ATHLETICS/COMMITTEES
• COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS/RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEER SERVICE

I hereby affirm that I am a graduating senior meeting all the criteria set forth above and that all the statements presented in this application are true. I have enclosed the necessary high school transcript and other supporting documentation. I am willing to provide additional information should it be required. I agree to abide by all rules and regulations governing the decision and award of the BLSA Excellence Award Committee. I hereby grant permission for a representative of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Black Law Students Association scholarship committee to obtain information from my guidance counselor regarding this application. I hereby affirm that the information presented in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I hereby understand that any information submitted falsely will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

_______________________________________________________________________
Applicant’s Signature Date

_______________________________________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

PLEASE NOTE: Both applicant and parent/guardian signatures are required.