



**THE ALLIANCE OF BLACK WOMEN ATTORNEYS OF MARYLAND, INC.
2019 BOOK SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION**

**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE
40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION GALA**

In keeping with its mission to serve the needs and interests of African American women attorneys, the Alliance of Black Women Attorneys of Maryland, Inc. (ABWA) is seeking eligible law student applicants for its 2019 book scholarship awards.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: All 1L, 2L day or evening, and 3L evening law students enrolled in law school within the State of Maryland who are in good academic standing and who will attend the ABWA's 40th Anniversary Celebration Gala on Thursday, May 9, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

CRITERIA: Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who exhibit the highest level of academic achievement, leadership skills, and civic involvement generally and within the legal profession. Financial need is not a prerequisite but will be considered in determining the scholarship award. A strong candidate will demonstrate strong leadership skills and involvement and/or interest in programs that affect and promote the advancement of African American women in the legal profession and the community.

SCHOLARSHIP PURPOSE AND AMOUNT: The Scholarship Committee will award two (2) \$500 scholarships to be used for books and/or tuition at an accredited law school in the State of Maryland. The \$500 scholarship will be paid directly to the law school on behalf of the successful applicant.



**APPLICATION
DEADLINE:**

Applications must be received via email by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2019. Completed applications must be emailed to Kay N. Harding at kay.harding@baltimorepolice.org.

**NOTIFICATION
AND AWARD
DATE:**

Scholarship recipients will be notified by **Friday, April 12, 2019**. Scholarship awards will be presented at the ABWA's 40th Anniversary Celebration Gala, which will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at the Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Hwy., Baltimore, Maryland 21230. **A complimentary ticket to the Gala will be provided to scholarship recipients. Scholarship recipients must be present at the Gala in order to receive the scholarship award.**

**FOR QUESTIONS
CONTACT:**

Kay N. Harding, Esq.
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2019 BOOK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**TYPE OR PRINT THE APPLICATION.
USE ADDITIONAL PAPER AS NEEDED.**

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

II. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Name of Law School: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Academic Standing: *Provide a copy of your transcript from your law school registrar. An unofficial copy is acceptable.*

List any academic honors you received during your undergraduate, post-graduate, or law school education:



Describe any groups at your law school with which you have been involved and any positions of leadership you currently hold or have held in such groups:

III. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Attach a current resume.

IV. CAREER STATEMENT

Provide a general statement of your career objectives and your expectations with respect to the practice of law.

V. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Describe your involvement in any social, civic, professional or other community groups/organizations which work to support the advancement of African American women and/or diversity. Include any leadership roles you currently hold or have held in such groups/organizations.



VI. PERSONAL STATEMENT

In a narrative of no more than 300 words, discuss the reasons you desire to be an attorney, and how you have contributed or will contribute to the advancement of the interests of African American women and/or diversity in the legal profession as an attorney. All statements should be typed and double spaced.

VII. CERTIFICATION

The undersigned applicant hereby affirms that the information provided herein is true and correct.

Applicant's Signature

Date



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2019 BOOK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please ensure that your scholarship application contains the following:

- _____ Completed Application
- _____ Copy of Transcript (official or unofficial)
- _____ Copy of your resume
- _____ Personal Statement
- _____ Photograph (head shot)¹
- _____ Biography²

¹The photograph will be inserted in the souvenir program booklet if you are selected as an awardee. Please email submitted photograph as jpeg.

²Submit a half-page biography summarizing your personal and educational background and work experience that can be inserted in the souvenir program booklet if you are selected as an awardee. Biography should be written in the third-person. By your submission, you grant permission for the photo to be used and the biography to be edited, if necessary. Submit biography as a Word document.