



# New Jersey State Bar Foundation 2024 Law School Scholarship Application Worksheet

## Deadline for application: APRIL 19, 2024

Applicants are encouraged to use this worksheet to review the application in its entirety, familiarize themselves with the questions and prepare materials before starting to enter information in the online application.

*Please note: There is no way to save the application and/or return to completing during the online submission process.*

## 2024 Scholarships

Amount	Scholarship	Recipient
\$2,500	Matthew E. Beck, Esq. Criminal Law Scholarship	Student attending Rutgers Law School-Newark who has achieved highest academic standards and personal interest in pursuing a career in criminal law.
\$2,500	Abram D. and Maxine H. Londa Scholarship	Preference to a student from Union County.
\$2,500	Labor Law Scholarship	Student interested in labor law.
\$2,500	Sonia Morgan Scholarship	Female student.
\$2,500	Scarinci Hollenbeck Scholarship	Student who demonstrates a commitment to the advancement of their community and fostering the ideals of inclusion and belonging.
\$2,500	The Justin P. Walder Scholarship	Student attending one of New Jersey's law schools.
\$2,500	Judge Lisa P. Thornton Scholarship	A scholarship in recognition of the legacy of first Black woman to serve as Assignment Judge on the New Jersey Superior Court.
\$3,000	Wallace Vail Scholarship	Student who has achieved the highest academic standards.
\$10,000 (3 available)	Justice Marie L. Garibaldi Scholarship	Female New Jersey resident student who attends Rutgers, Seton Hall, or Columbia Law School.
\$2,500 and \$10,000 (3 of each available)	New Jersey State Bar Foundation Scholarships	One scholarship at each monetary level for a student attending Rutgers Law School - Newark, Rutgers Law School - Camden, and Seton Hall Law School.

*\* Please note that the New Jersey State Bar Foundation reserves the right to withhold awarding any specific scholarship in any given year.*



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## Information and Materials

The following materials must be uploaded as part of the application:

- Personal Statement and Essay (*not to exceed 2 pages, PDF or MS Word format*)
- Current resume (*PDF or MS Word format*)
- Unofficial transcript of college and/or law school academic record

In addition to the items above, there are 5 additional sections in the online application.

- A. Personal Information (*fill in the blanks*)
- B. Education/Law Interest (*fill in the blanks*)
- C. Financial Information (*fill in the blanks and include additional information if applicable*)
- D. Extracurricular Activities/Community Involvement (*cut and paste in your response*)
- E. Certification

## Personal Statement and Essay

Please provide a statement that addresses the following:

- Why the Foundation should award you a scholarship
- Reasons why you want to be a lawyer
- Whether you plan to remain in New Jersey after graduation from law school
- Your plans for employment during summer of 2024, if known
- The most significant public or charitable service you have provided in the past two years and its impact on your development as a lawyer
- Tell us what receiving this scholarship would mean to your professional journey

## Scholarship Specific Requirements

- To be considered for the **Matthew E. Beck Esq. Criminal Law Scholarship**, please describe your personal interest in pursuing a career in criminal law.
- To be considered for the **Labor Law Scholarship**, please describe your interest in labor law.
- To be considered for the **Scarinci Hollenbeck Scholarship**, please describe your commitment to the advancement of your community and fostering the ideals of inclusion and belonging.
- To be considered for the **Judge Lisa P. Thornton Scholarship**, please tell us how you will represent and advance the ideals that Judge Thornton represented.
- To be considered for the **Justice Marie L. Garibaldi Scholarship**, please comment on Justice Garibaldi's trailblazing life, and describe the attributes and connections that make you a worthy recipient of the scholarship in her name.
- To be considered for one of the **New Jersey State Bar Foundation Scholarships**, please tell us how you hope to advance the Foundation mission of '*Informed Citizens are Better Citizens*' in your career.

*Note: You may upload up to 1 additional document for the Scholarship Committee to consider, which may not exceed 2 pages in length.*



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## A. Personal Information

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Please enter an address where you can be contacted now through August*

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Primary) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Secondary) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (Primary) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (Secondary) \_\_\_\_\_

Sex:  Male  Female  Prefer not to say  Prefer to self-describe  
Text:

Marital Status:  Single  Married  Divorced  Widowed  Separated

Do you have any dependents?  Yes  No

If yes, Please list any dependents that you might have, including children, spouse and/or parents.

Are you a U.S. citizen?  Yes  No If you are not a US citizen, what is your citizenship? \_\_\_\_\_

If not a U.S. citizen, are you a permanent resident?  Yes  No  Not Applicable

If yes, what is your alien resignation number and date your Green Card was issued?

If you are residing in the U.S. and are not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, what kind of visa do you hold? \*

F-1  J-1  Not Applicable  Other, please specify



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## B. Education/Law Interest

Name of Law School \_\_\_\_\_

Present Class \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average in Law School \_\_\_\_\_

Law school class standing, if available \_\_\_\_\_

Area of Law Interest \_\_\_\_\_

## C. Financial Information

### Anticipated Expenses:

Tuition \_\_\_\_\_

Books and Supplies \_\_\_\_\_

Room and Board \_\_\_\_\_

Other Anticipated Expenses: Including Transportation, Medical Costs \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL Anticipated Expenses for the 2024-2025 academic year?** \_\_\_\_\_

### Anticipated Income / Assets:

Earnings of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Earnings of Spouse or Domestic Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Contribution \_\_\_\_\_

Savings \_\_\_\_\_

*Include the total value of your own savings, investments, trusts, and other assets as of December 31, 2023, including assets established in your name under the Uniform Gift to Minors Act and your interest in any trusts and similar arrangements.*

**TOTAL Anticipated Income / Assets for the 2024-2025 academic year** \_\_\_\_\_

### Estimated Financial Aid:

Law School Scholarships \_\_\_\_\_

External Scholarships \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Student Loans \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Aid: Private Student Loans \_\_\_\_\_

**What was your adjusted gross income**, as listed on line 11 of your 2023 1040 tax return (or 2022 return if 2023 return has not yet been filed)? If you were claimed as a dependent, enter your parent(s) gross income from their 2023 tax return (or 2022 return if 2023 return has not yet been filed) \_\_\_\_\_



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What are the sources and amounts of scholarships that you received in 2023-2024?

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What are the sources and amounts of scholarships that you expect to receive for 2024-2025?

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Have you previously received an NJSBF scholarship? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

*If yes, what was the year received, and amount of scholarship received? If yes, what was the year received, and amount of scholarship received?*

At this point, what is the outstanding balance of your school loans? \_\_\_\_\_

*Please use the additional provided space to include financial information you think is relevant to your application for a New Jersey State Bar Foundation scholarship.*

### **D. Extracurricular Activities/Community Involvement**

*Please use the provided space to list and describe the extracurricular activities and community service projects in which you have participated over the past 2 years. Cut and paste your response into the online application*

### **E. Certification**

*You will be asked to certify the information provided and acknowledge the certification below with your electronic signature on the online application)*

In consideration of my academic record and the facts set forth in this application, I respectfully petition that a scholarship be awarded to me for the academic year of 2024-2025.

I certify that the information provided in this scholarship application and any supplements hereto, is true, accurate and complete. I recognize that honesty and integrity are essential characteristics of a future practicing attorney. I understand that if any statement or information provided by me in this scholarship application or any supplement hereto is willfully false, I will be disqualified from consideration.

I understand that awards made by the NEW JERSEY STATE BAR FOUNDATION are not loans. Nevertheless, if an award is made to me and I am able to contribute in the future to the New Jersey State Bar Foundation in order that others may also share in similar benefits, I will consider doing so.

If I receive a scholarship, I give permission to the New Jersey State Bar Foundation to use my name and likeness on its website and/or to publish it on its social media platforms and/or any materials associated with its programs and initiatives.

If there are significant changes to the information submitted in this application, I shall forward the updated info to Kate Coscarelli, NJSBF Associate Executive Director, Administration and Grants, at [kcoscarelli@njsba.com](mailto:kcoscarelli@njsba.com).