



PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION

Dear YLD Liaisons and Law School Career Offices,

Each year the Philadelphia Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division awards five (5) scholarships to law students from diverse backgrounds. In considering candidates, the committee looks to involvement in the community, leadership skills, and a demonstrable commitment to practicing law in Philadelphia following graduation. The goal of this scholarship is to identify and promote students who will be future leaders within the bar and their respective affinity bar organizations. To that end, we need your help spreading the word to deserving law students.

Enclosed is the 2014 Diversity Scholarship Application. Students who are interested in applying for this award must submit the materials required in the enclosed application and personal statement to the affinity bar groups to seek their recommendation. Affinity bar groups include, *inter alia*, the Philadelphia Barristers' Association, APABA-PA, GALLOP, Hispanic Bar Association, South Asian Bar Association of Philadelphia and the National Bar Association, Women Lawyers' Division. After receipt of the application materials, the affinity organizations forward their nominations to the YLD. As liaisons between law students and the Bar Association, we encourage each organization to identify and nominate up to five (5) law students for the scholarship. The winners will be honored during our Diversity Scholarship Reception, slated for mid-June 2014. *Please note that students selected for one of the scholarships must be available to attend the Diversity Reception.*

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at diversityscholarship@gmail.com. We look forward to another great group of candidates this year!

Thank you,


Diversity Scholarship Committee

Shabrei Parker
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Young Lawyers Division 2014 Diversity Scholarship Application

The following criteria will be considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee:

- A. Academic achievement;
- B. Demonstrated commitment to community service and bar association involvement;
- C. Connection to and/or anticipation of practicing law in the Philadelphia area;
- D. Minority status; and
- E. Financial need.

Please submit the following for each candidate nominated by your organization:

- A. Brief statement of support from your association (not to exceed 200 words for each candidate)
- B. Candidate's resume
- C. Copy of candidate's transcript
- D. Personal essay (not to exceed 850 words) written specifically for the YLD Scholarship, which addresses the criteria set forth above and how the candidate intends to incorporate bar association involvement into his or her professional career; with specific emphasis on future YLD involvement (submissions prepared for other scholarships likely will not be considered).

Application materials must be submitted in PDF format to diversityscholarship@gmail.com on or before noon on **Friday, May 2, 2014.**

Nominations submitted after the deadline will not be considered.