



PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION

Dear Law School Career Offices,

Each year the Philadelphia Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (“YLD”) awards five (5) scholarships to law students from diverse backgrounds. 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. The YLD Diversity Scholarship Committee looks to candidate’s involvement in the community, leadership ability, and a demonstrable commitment to practicing law in Philadelphia following graduation.

As a law student’s first resource, we need your help spreading the word to deserving law students and facilitating their submissions. Students who are interested in applying for this award must submit the materials required in the enclosed application to affinity bar groups to seek their recommendation. After receipt of the application materials, the affinity organizations forward their nominations to the YLD. Affinity bar groups include, *inter alia*, the Barristers’ Association, APABA-PA, GALLOP, Hispanic Bar Association, South Asian Bar Association of Philadelphia and the National Bar Association, Women Lawyers’ Division. Students do not necessarily have to be active members in these organizations, but will need to reach out to them for this scholarship.

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 2015. *Please note that students selected to receive a scholarship 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,

YLD Diversity Scholarship Committee
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Young Lawyers Division **2015 Diversity Scholarship Application**

The Scholarship Selection Committee will consider the following criteria:

- 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. Diverse background; 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; and,
- 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 5:00pm on **Friday, May 15, 2015.**