



DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2016-2017

The Houston Young Lawyers Association's Diversity Committee is awarding "diversity scholarships" to students at each of the Houston-area law schools.

THE HYLA Diversity Committee

The HYLA Diversity Committee was created in 2016. Its objectives are:

- to engage with lawyers of color, women lawyers, lawyers with disabilities and lawyers with non-traditional sexual orientations and gender identification;
- to promote increased participation by diverse lawyers in the activities, programs, and projects of the Houston Young Lawyers Association;
- to encourage all members of the Houston Young Lawyers Association and the greater Houston legal community to acknowledge the importance of diversity, to promote greater inclusion of diverse members of the profession, and to facilitate greater access to programs, services, and employment opportunities for diverse members of the profession.

The Diversity Scholarship Program is one of the many Diversity Committee sponsored activities/programs designed to meet the objectives each year. The Diversity Committee reviews all applications and select the scholarship recipients based on the criteria described below.

HYLA recognizes diversity based upon gender, national origin, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, socio-economic status and geography.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA, ELIGIBILITY AND ANNOUNCEMENT

The Diversity Committee intends to award scholarships in amounts ranging from \$500-\$2,000 to law students that attend any of the ABA-accredited law schools in Houston. The recipient must be attending one of the Houston-area, ABA-accredited law schools. In awarding the scholarships, the Diversity Committee will consider the applicant's response to the essay question, resume, demonstrated commitment to diversity, and other criteria such as academic performance.

An application may be downloaded from the HYLA website (www.hyla.org/hyla-committees/diversity-committee). Applications may also be obtained at the law school financial aid office or by contacting HYLA at 713-224-4952.

Scholarship winners will be announced, and winners will be invited to attend the Houston Young Lawyers Foundation/HYLA Law Day Luncheon on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at the Marriott Marquis Houston.

TO APPLY: Submit a completed application to: Lucy Cain, Executive Director, HYLA at Lucy.Cain@hyla.org. Applications shall be addressed to: **HYLA Diversity Committee; David Canales and Maryann Zaki, Co-Chairs, HYLA Diversity Committee.**

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00PM, APRIL 14, 2017.
(HYLA will not accept any applications e-mailed after 5:00pm on April 14, 2017.)



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(APPLICATION)**

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. First & Last Name: _____
2. D.O.B.: _____ Sex: M _____ F _____
3. Permanent Mailing Address: _____
4. Cell Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____
5. E-mail Address: _____
6. Ethnic Background: (OPTIONAL – check the appropriate designation)
 - a. _____ African American
 - b. _____ Asian American
 - c. _____ Caucasian
 - d. _____ Hispanic
 - e. _____ Native American
 - f. _____ Other (please specify)

II. LAW SCHOOL INFORMATION

7. Law School Name: _____
8. Expected Graduation Date: _____
9. GPA: _____
10. Law School Activities: _____

11. Community Activities: _____

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III. RESUME AND ESSAY

Please submit the following materials along with this application:

- I. A copy of your current resume; and
- II. A type-written 500-word essay answering the following question:

Why do you believe diversity in the legal professional is important and what have you done to try to cultivate and foster diversity within the legal profession?

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICATION: I have reviewed the information listed in this application for omission and errors. To the best of my knowledge the information is complete and accurate as reported. I understand that HYLA and its Diversity Committee reserves the right to investigate all information stated in this application.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____