



LAW SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION

The Grand Rapids Community Foundation administers and awards the following Law Scholarships to students of color (American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic/Latinx, Middle Eastern, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or of more than one race). Please check the scholarship(s) you are applying for:

Miller Johnson Michigan Diversity Scholarship is awarded to students of color currently residing in Michigan with some connection to West Michigan. Preference is given to West Michigan residents. Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA Required. One \$5,000 scholarship is awarded each year.

Warner Norcross +Judd LLP Diversity Law Scholarship is awarded to students of color pursuing a law degree at any accredited law school in the United States. Applicant must be a current or former resident of Michigan if they are not currently attending a school in Michigan. One \$5,000 scholarship is awarded each year.

Warner Norcross + Judd LLP Diversity Paralegal or Secretarial Scholarship is awarded to students of color residing in Michigan pursuing paralegal or legal secretarial studies at an accredited program located in Michigan. Paralegal \$2,000 Legal Secretarial \$1,000

Directions: Complete all sections on this .pdf form and submit via email to scholarships@grfoundation.org by March 1.

The decision made by the panel of judges shall be final and will be based on the information contained in the application and attachments.

Award Payment: Awards will be paid directly to the recipient's school and upon verification of enrollment. This is an annual competitive award and is not renewable. Awards are announced in mid-May and payments are processed during the month of June and are not available until July.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Last 4 SSN \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Race/Ethnicity: (to verify racial/ethnic minority scholarship requirements) \_\_\_\_\_

Do either of your parents hold a 4-year college degree: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

College you Attend/Plan to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide any connection you have to West Michigan Area: Residency past or present; Education past or present; Employment past or present; Relatives in the West Michigan area?:

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Course of Study: Law Paralegal Legal Secretarial

**FINANCIAL NEED**

**Dependency Status:**

**Dependent Student: Provide Parent and Student income information.** Application will be rejected if parent information is missing.

**Independent Student: Provide Student Information Only: To be considered an Independent Student, you must be able to answer yes to ONE of the following questions:**

Are you 24 years of age or older?	Yes	No
Are you married?	Yes	No
Are you working on a degree BEYOND a bachelor's degree for the upcoming academic year?	Yes	No
Are you currently, or were you, an orphan or ward of the court or in foster care at any time since the age of 13?	Yes	No
Are you a veteran of the US Armed Forces?	Yes	No
Are you currently serving on active duty in the US Armed Forces for purposes other than training?	Yes	No
Do you have children who receive MORE THAN half of their support from you?	Yes	No
Are you an emancipated minor as determined by the court in the state of your legal residence?	Yes	No
Do you have dependents (other than children or spouse) who live with you and you provide more than half of their support?	Yes	No
Are you homeless or at risk of being homeless?	Yes	No

Applicant is considered (check only one)

**Dependent** Parent(s) and Student's Combined Adjusted Gross Annual Income from last year's IRS Tax Form: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number in parent's household, including applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**Independent:** Student's last year's Adjusted Gross Annual Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ & total dependents claimed \_\_\_\_\_

**Need:**

**Anticipated Expenses** Total Cost of Attendance for upcoming year (Include books, fees and room and board) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Anticipated Resources**

A) Family Contribution (EFC from your FAFSA Student Aid Report) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(if you are unable to file a FAFSA, provide an estimate of your contribution)

B) All Scholarships and Grants offered to date \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(returning college students: provide last year's awards if new award package is not available)

C) Any Other Resources (do not include any loans offered) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Resources (Total of A, B and C)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Assessed Need** (Expenses Less Resources) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Provide the following **four attachments** in your email submission:

**Attachment 1**

**One-Page Resume** that includes:

- A. Education History: School Names, Dates of Attendance, Course of Study and Completion Date
- B. Employment History
- C. Awards/Honors Received

### Attachment 2

**Essay:** Please submit a well-organized and carefully written essay of no more than 500 words, addressing the following: how you became interested in the law; why you chose your college, and area of law you plan to specialize in; how you plan to finance your education; and an explanation of your short and long-term career goals and how you will achieve them.

### Attachment 3

#### **Transcripts:**

**Current Law School Students:** Provide your undergraduate transcript and your graduate level transcript.

**Entering Law School Students:** Provide your undergraduate transcript along with a letter of acceptance from your law school.

### Attachment 4

**Letters of Reference:** Attach **two current letters of reference**, one of which must be from a teacher, counselor, or a former employer. Letters of reference should be addressed to “Law Scholarship Selection Committee”

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*You may sign electronically by typing your name.*

*In submitting this application via email, I certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of information will result in termination of any scholarship granted. If selected to receive a scholarship, I agree to the use of my name, likeness and information contained in my application (excluding financial information) for promotional purposes for Grand Rapids Community Foundation without further compensation or notification.*

**Submit your application and all of the attachments by **March 1:****

- Resume
- Essay
- Transcripts/Letter of Acceptance
- Letters of Reference (2)

**To:** [scholarships@grfoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@grfoundation.org)

Questions: Contact Ruth Bishop at 616 284-4903 [rbishop@grfoundation.org](mailto:rbishop@grfoundation.org)