



## **EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS BAR ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

The purposes for which the Association is formed are set forth in the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, and are as follows:

The facilitation of the administration of justice in the Eastern District of Texas.

Fostering the highest ethical and professional standards among lawyers admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Eastern District of Texas.

Devotion to the improvement of the legal profession and the legal community as a whole in the Eastern District of Texas.

The preservation of high standards of integrity, honor, professionalism and courtesy in the legal profession among the lawyers admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Eastern District of Texas.

The cultivation of a spirit of good fellowship and collegiality among the members.

To provide a forum for the discussion and debate of subjects relevant to the practice of law in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas among the lawyers and judges of the district.

To do all other things which the board of directors may determine are necessary or helpful to improve the practice of law in the Eastern District of Texas subject only to the limitations placed on non-profit corporations by the laws of the State of Texas or which are placed on Section 501 (c)(6) corporations by the laws of the United States.

Improving the reputation of the legal profession and the legal community in the Eastern District Of Texas.

### **Eligibility**

Law students and prospective law students with connections to the Eastern District of Texas (see attached list of cities/counties) who are enrolled or have been accepted to an ABA-accredited (or pending) law school in Texas are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

### **Selection Criteria**

Scholarship recipients will be selected by the Eastern District of Texas Bar Association Board based on the following criteria:

- Born or resided in the Eastern District of Texas
- Demonstrated financial need or hardship
- Commitment, qualities and actions toward ethics, civility, and professionalism



- Academic merit or other qualities showing a likelihood of law school success
- Written and/or oral communications skills
- Leadership qualities and community involvement
- Demonstrate meaningful connection(s) to the Eastern District of Texas.

### **Financial Award**

Recipients of the Eastern District of Texas Bar Association Scholarship will receive \$5,000.00 payable for the fall semester after selection as a recipient. This is a one year scholarship which may be renewed upon application and award.

### **Application Process**

Applications will be accepted **January 30, 2018 through May 31, 2018**. Recipients will be announced in June, 2018.

Applicants will submit the following documents for consideration:

- Completed Eastern District of Texas Bar Association Scholarship application form;
- Resume;
- Academic transcripts (law school, undergraduate/graduate school; official transcripts requested but not required);
- Recommendation letter(s) and contact information (phone, email) for up to three references; and
- an Essay of no more than 2 double-spaced pages as described in the attached Application Form.

All materials submitted by applicants shall become the property of the Eastern District of Texas Bar Association, for disposal or to be retained as the Eastern District of Texas Bar Association sees fit. Awards of scholarships may include Eastern District of Texas Bar Association press releases, may reveal information about the applicant from the application materials and interview, and may become known to the applicants' fellow students, law school faculty and administration, family, friends and others.



**Eastern District of Texas Bar Association Scholarship Application Form**

(Please type)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Media  
(Facebook URL; \_\_\_\_\_  
Linked In URL; \_\_\_\_\_  
Twitter User Name; \_\_\_\_\_  
Instagram User \_\_\_\_\_  
Name, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach (or send separately) one or more (but no more than 3) letters of recommendation and references contact information, and a typed essay of no more than 2 pages in length, double-spaced, addressing one or more of the following:**

- What are your long-term career goals;
- Any qualifications you believe are relevant for your consideration of this scholarship.  
Ex. Describe relevant research, published articles, club competitions, clinics, community service, job, internship or externship experience.
- Any issues of financial need that you would like considered.
- Any connection(s) to East Texas.
- Describe how (a) ethics, civility and professionalism have been a focus of the applicant and (b) the applicants circumstances of financial need or hardship.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ 1

This application form, when completed, and with accompanying materials, should be submitted by e-mail or mail to:

Eastern District of Texas Bar Association  
c/o Ms. Elizabeth Black Berry, Executive Director, [elizabethberry19@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethberry19@gmail.com) or  
Ms. Melissa Smith, Gillam & Smith, 303 S. Washington Ave. Marshall, Texas 75670

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<sup>1</sup> The applicant represents by the applicant's signature that the applicant understands and agrees that (a) selections for scholarships by the Eastern District of Texas Bar Association are final and not subject to review (b) all materials submitted by applicants shall become the property of the Eastern District of Texas Bar Association, for disposal or to be retained as the Eastern District of Texas Bar Association sees fit, and (c) awards of scholarships may include Eastern District of Texas Bar Association press releases, may reveal information about the applicant from the application process, and may become known to the applicants' fellow students, law school faculty and administration, family, friends and others.