

EARL WARREN LEGAL TRAINING PROGRAM

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IN 1954, after years of strategic litigation by the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (“LDF”), the U.S. Supreme Court declared the doctrine of “separate but equal” unconstitutional in the historic *Brown v. Board of Education* decision. To secure the hard won gains of the *Brown* precedent, LDF established its scholarship program to provide financial assistance to African-American undergraduate and law students who would have previously been denied access to higher education on the basis of their race.

LDF’S Earl Warren program occupied a very unique niche during its formative years: helping African-American attorneys establish law practices in the American South and providing financial support to African-Americans seeking to attend law school so that they could continue to help fight legal battles that would secure civil rights for all.

OUR MISSION TODAY

Today, LDF’s Earl Warren Scholarship for racial justice advocacy continues to support the careers of law students dedicated to advancing the cause of racial justice. Starting in 2015, the 75th anniversary of the organization, LDF increased the Earl Warren Scholarship award to \$10,000 per year (up from \$3,000) and will select up to five finalists per year.

ELIGIBILITY & AWARD CRITERIA

- U.S. Citizen
- College graduate; enrolled in final year of college/university; or enrolled in first year of law school.
- Record of academic achievement
- Demonstrate and ongoing commitment to racial justice

LDF’s Earl Warren Scholarship awards are \$10,000 per year for three years (as long as scholars remain in good academic standing) for a total of \$30,000. In addition to financial assistance, scholars are given two unique opportunities (1) An internship, externship, or research project with LDF to be completed during their three years of law school during a mutually agreed period. (2) Free attendance at LDF’s Civil Rights Training Institute, an annual civil rights conference that brings together civil rights advocates, scholars, and attorney to discuss strategies and network. **The deadline for the applications is May 1, 2017.** Final decisions are made by August 15, 2017 all applicants will be notified.

LDF’s Scholarship Programs do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, creed, sex, age, marital status, parental status, physical disability, learning disability, political affiliation, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. We prefer that you type your responses. If you must complete this application by hand, your responses should be legible and printed in blue or black ink.
2. Provide two letters of recommendation from a professor, community leader, or employer to give their opinion about your potential as a law student and as an attorney. The recommender should type your name on each page submitted. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FAMILY OR FRIENDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
3. **ALL SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE EMAILED WITH YOUR APPLICATION.** Transcripts and letters of recommendation should not be sent under separate cover. Your Earl Warren Scholarship application *will not be complete* if it does not contain: copy of your acceptance letter to law school, two recommendation letters, an updated résumé, an original transcript from your college or university, one essay, one personal statement, a photocopy of your LSAT score, a copy of your SAR report. Finalists will be required to submit a recent head and shoulder photograph **[Passport Size]** when notified. Decisions are not usually made before August 1. All applicants are notified. Please do not use your college address as your mailing address unless you plan to be there through July 31.
4. You must return your completed Earl Warren Scholarship application in email form only. **All supporting material must be attached in a PDF format to one email and sent to:**

scholarships@naacpldf.org with the heading **Earl Warren Scholarship – Last Name, First Name**. **INCOMPLETE, FAXED OR MAILED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Once you have fully completed the application, send it in a PDF format to the Earl Warren Legal Training Program at the following email address: scholarships@naacpldf.org

REMEMBER

A **COMPLETE** application must contain all items listed below:

- Completed Scholarship Application Form;
- Copy of acceptance letter to law school (if already received);
- 2 recommendation letters;
- An updated résumé;
- Copy of transcript from current college/university [finalists will be required to submit one];
- One essay;
- One personal statement;
- Copy of LSAT scores;
- Copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR);
- Finalists will be required to submit a recent head and shoulder photograph **[Passport Size]** when notified.

DEADLINE

Applications must be emailed by
MAY 1, 2017 11:59pm (EST)

To

scholarships@naacpldf.org

EARL WARREN LAW APPLICATION

(MUST BE TYPED)

Name: _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Birth Date: _____ mm/dd/yyyy Gender: _____

Preferred Telephone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email Personal: _____ School: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____
Number & Street Apt. #

City/Town State Zip Code

If Different From Above, please give your current mailing address for all scholarship correspondence.

Current Mailing Address: _____
Number & Street Apt. #

City/Town State Zip Code

Place of Birth: City: _____ State: _____

Are you a United States Citizen? YES NO Other: [Country] _____

Race: White Hispanic Black Asian Other: _____

FAMILY

Parent/Guardian Mr. / Ms.

Parent/Guardian Mr. / Ms.

First Name MI Last Name

First Name MI Last Name

Home address if different from yours

Home address if different from yours

Telephone: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

1. Please provide a summary of your undergraduate/graduate education in the form below beginning with your most recent degree.

Name of School	Dates of Study	Major / Area of Study	Degree Received and date
			Degree: _____ Date: _____
			Degree: _____ Date: _____

Undergraduate / Graduate Cumulative GPA: _____

2. Did you receive an LDF Herbert Lehman Scholarship Award as an undergraduate? Yes No

3. List below the date(s) on which you took or will take the LSAT and your score(s). Please include a photocopy of your scores with your application.

Exam Dates: _____ Best Scores: _____
(past & future) mm/yyyy mm/yyyy mm/yyyy (so far)

4. Law school you will attend:

Name City State

If you have already been accepted to a law school, please attach a copy of your acceptance letter to this application.

REFERENCES DO NOT LIST FRIENDS OR RELATIVES

Provide two letters of recommendation from a professor, community leader, or employer to give their opinion about your potential as a law student and as an attorney. Letters from people you have worked closely with are given greater weight.

Name of recommenders:	Telephone and Email
	Tel: _____
	Email: _____
	Tel: _____
	Email: _____

PLEASE ATTACH RESUME AND PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please submit (1) a one-page professional résumé highlighting your involvement with racial justice work and activities and (2) a 500 words or less personal statement describing the reasons for your commitment to and work for racial justice.

FINANCIAL NEED

Please include a complete copy of your Student Aid Report [SAR].

Estimated Expenses and Funds Available (From FAFSA)	
Cost of Attendance [COA] *	
Expected Family Contribution [EFC from the FAFSA]	
Parents Adjusted Gross Income reported on FAFSA form line 85	
Other Funds Available for School Year [grants, awards, scholarships, gifts, etc.]	

***Please note:** Most schools provide on their website or through their financial aid office a total **Cost of Attendance (COA)** that includes tuition, fees, room and board, and an allowance for books, supplies, transportation, etc. Please find and enter the COA above. If your school does not provide a COA, provide an estimate of these expenses followed by “EST.”

ESSAY

You are required to submit **one, typed, double-spaced, 750-1,000 word essay** with this application. Please select one of the two topics from the following list to be the subject of your essays:

- LDF’s work was instrumental in crafting the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Fifty years later, discrimination relating to voting rights for people of color persists. Identify a problem related to voting rights and race and share your solution.
- In the next few decades, experts believe that America will be a “majority-minority” society. In such a society, what is the work to be done by racial justice advocates?

I certify that all information submitted in the admission process—including the application, the personal essays, any supplements and any other supporting materials—is my own work, factually true, and honestly presented, and that these documents will become the property of the Earl Warren Legal Training Program, Inc. and will not be returned to me. I understand that any scholarship award may be revoked should the information I certified be false.

Signature

Date

I certify and agree that the typed signature above represents my actual signature and endorsement.

Earl Warren Scholarships are made possible by thousands of voluntary contributions and Foundation support. In seeking contributions to sustain this invaluable program, we would like to have your permission to use your photograph, biographical information and personal essays and to contact you for interviews. ALL OTHER INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN YOUR APPLICATION (*i.e.* social security number, financial information and recommendations) WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL. We will only use this information with your consent. Please note that giving permission **will not affect** your selection or rejection for an Earl Warren Scholarship. Awards will be made without regard to whether you sign or do not sign the permission below.

YES, YOU MAY USE MY PHOTOGRAPH, BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND PERSONAL ESSAYS FROM MY FILE AND YOU MAY CONTACT ME FOR INTERVIEWS.

Applicant Signature

Date: _____

I certify and agree that the typed signature above represents my actual signature and endorsement.

The Earl Warren Legal Training Program, Inc. is separately incorporated from LDF even though it is administered by LDF. EWLTP is not a part of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) although LDF was founded by that organization and shares its commitment to equal rights. For over 50 years, LDF has maintained a separate Board, program, staff, office and budget from the NAACP. To learn more about LDF, visit us at www.naacpldf.org.