

# NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION

Gateway to Success III: Scholarship Award  
April 22, 2016





## National Bar Association: Gateway to Success Scholarship Awards 2016

### Scholarship Award Objectives

The “NBA Gateway to Success Scholarship Award” fulfills the National Bar Association’s (“NBA”) mission of strengthening the pipeline for minority students and also encourages involvement in the NBA by familiarizing students with NBA activities. Additionally, this scholarship serves to facilitate and encourage minorities to enter the legal profession by assisting minority students to meet the challenges and financial burdens of college and law school. Therefore, the NBA has partnered with several minority organizations, including the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) to identify deserving candidates to receive the NBA Gateway to Success Scholarship Award (hereinafter “Scholarship Award”). This year there will be a total of five Scholarship Awards given to deserving diverse applicants, including undergraduate students who intend to apply to law school and current law school students.

### Scholarship Criteria and Eligibility

The Scholarship Award will be awarded to five diverse students in the following manner: 1) two scholarships to undergraduate students of any major who intend to apply and attend law school **and** 2) three scholarships to current law school students. The scholarship recipients will be considered based on their involvement in the community and diversity related student organizations, leadership abilities and academic achievement. Selection criteria will include: merit and scholastic performance. Consideration will also be given to extracurricular activities both inside and outside law school.

Applications may be obtained by e-mailing the Gateway Committee Scholarship Award Chair below:

NBA Gateway to Success Scholarship Award 2016

Dawn Tezino, Chair

[dawntezino@mehaffyweber.com](mailto:dawntezino@mehaffyweber.com)

(713) 655-1200

TO APPLY:

Email in .pdf a completed application to:

[dawntezino@mehaffyweber.com](mailto:dawntezino@mehaffyweber.com)

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE EMAILED NO LATER THAN April 10, 2016.**

**(We will not accept any applications emailed after April 10, 2016.)**



## NBA GATEWAY TO SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2016

This application should be completed and returned to the NBA Gateway Committee Scholarship Chair, in .pdf format via e-mail only to Dawn Tezino, [dawntezino@mehaffyweber.com](mailto:dawntezino@mehaffyweber.com). **Applications must be emailed no later than April 10, 2016. Incomplete applications and or applications emailed after the deadline will not be considered.** This scholarship will be awarded on Friday, April 22, 2016 during the NBA Gateway to Success Diversity Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Please print or type in black ink.

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ETHNIC BACKGROUND: (Check the appropriate designation)

\_\_\_\_\_ African American      \_\_\_\_\_ Asian American      \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic      \_\_\_\_\_ Caucasian

\_\_\_\_\_ Native American      \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify)

MARITAL STATUS: \_\_\_\_\_ Single      \_\_\_\_\_ Married      NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

### II. LAW SCHOOL/COLLEGE INFORMATION

LAW SCHOOL/COLLEGE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASSIFICATION (i.e. First, Second, Third year, freshman, soph., jun., senior): \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: (cumulative)  
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CLASS RANKING: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

LAWSCHOOL/COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: \_\_\_\_\_

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**III. REQUIRED INFORMATION AND ESSAY**

Please attach (1) at least two letters of recommendation prepared for the NBA Gateway to Success Scholarship Award; (2) Certified Undergraduate Transcript and (3) prepare a two-page typewritten essay to the following question:

1. Why do you want to be a lawyer? As a future, leader in the legal profession, what positive impact do you feel you can make to improve the image of the legal profession, as a minority attorney?

**IV. EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

Please provide an employment record for the past two (2) years.

Employer	City, State	Dates Employed	Position

Military Experience: \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES If yes, please complete the following:

Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

**AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT:** 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 the NBA reserves the right to investigate all information in this application.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_