What is the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation?

- The Pennsylvania Bar Foundation is the charitable affiliate of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the state’s largest voluntary trade association for attorneys and the organization designated by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court as the most representative of the state’s lawyers.

- The Foundation:
  - Provides grants to support law-related educational programming conducted by the Pennsylvania Bar Association for youth in grades K – College;
  - Provides grants to support diversity training and initiatives that serve to make the legal profession more inclusive;
  - Recognizes and encourages pro bono service and administers a statewide loan repayment assistance program to help talented lawyers choose and remain in public service careers; and
  - Conducts the James W. Stoudt Memorial Scholarship Program and a Named Scholarship Program, initiatives that provides financial assistance to law students attending any one of the accredited law schools presently serving Pennsylvania.

What is the James W. Stoudt Memorial Scholarship Program?

- A scholarship program that provides on an annual basis:
  - Three, $3,000 scholarships;
  - Two of which are specifically designated to support historically under-represented racial/ethnic minority law students (African American, Hispanic American; Native American);
  - Awarded to Pennsylvania residents attending any one of the following accredited law schools presently in and serving Pennsylvania:
    - James Beasley School of Law of Temple University;
    - Dickinson School of Law
    - Duquesne University School of Law;
    - Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Drexel University;
    - Penn State Law
    - University of Pennsylvania School of Law;
    - University of Pittsburgh School of Law;
    - Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law; and
    - Widener University Commonwealth Law School
  - Selected by a committee comprised of Foundation Directors and Foundation members
  - No more than two scholarships are awarded to students at any one law school.
What are the scholarship criteria?

- Pennsylvania residency as documented by applicant’s voter registration card or Pennsylvania driver’s license
- 2L/Second year student in three-year program or 3L/Third year student in part-time program
- Good standing and academic achievement as evidenced by applicant’s academic transcript
- GPA above 2.5 is encouraged. All scores weighed at the discretion of the Committee
- Financial need as certified by the applicant’s law school financial aid office; and
- Specify activities accomplished toward making a contribution to society and the legal profession either through anticipated legal field or other efforts as discussed in the applicant’s 250 to 500-word essay and evidenced by the applicant’s recommendations
- A student member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyers Division which is free for electronic members

In addition to the above criteria, minority scholarships are specifically earmarked for students from one of the following historically under-represented racial/ethnic minority backgrounds:

- Black (African) Americans – Persons having origins from any of the Black groups of Africa.
- Hispanic Americans – Persons having origins from one or more of the Spanish-speaking peoples of Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Central or South America or the Caribbean Islands.
- Native Americans – Persons having origins from or more of the original peoples of North America and who are recognized as an Indian by a tribe or tribal organization.

How do I apply?

- Complete the James W. Stoudt Memorial Scholarship Application and attach requested information;
- Submit an essay of up to 500 words in length on how the applicant has demonstrated his/her potential for making a contribution to society and the legal profession;
- Submit up to two (2) recommendations from a faculty advisor, professor, dean, employer or lawyer;
- Submit by December 3, 2020 to:

  James W. Stoudt Memorial Scholarship Program
  Pennsylvania Bar Foundation
  P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0186
  FAX: (717) 213-2548
  E-mail: info@pabarfoundation.org

When will the scholarships be awarded?

- Scholarships will be awarded after Board approval and applicants will be notified accordingly.

What do I do if I have questions? Want additional information? Need an application?

Visit: http://www.pabarfoundation.org/what-we-do/james-w-stoudt-memorial-scholarships/
Call: (888) 238-3036