



GRACE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The GRACE Scholarship was established by GRAWA to support underrepresented minority female students by assisting with covering the costs associated with entry requirements into law school including, but not limited to, Law School Admission Test (LSAT) registration fees, preparatory courses, and study materials. To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a woman or woman of color who has been historically underserved and/or be an underrepresented minority (as defined by New York State's Office of General Services) in the legal profession.
2. Be a US citizen or permanent resident.
3. Be a graduate of a Greater Rochester Area high school **or** enrolled as a junior or senior at a local college or university **or** a graduate of a local college or university, as further defined below:
 - a. The "Greater Rochester Area" is defined as the New York State counties of Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, and Wayne;
 - b. "Local college or university" is defined as one of the following institutions: Monroe Community College, Finger Lakes Community College, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Rochester, Nazareth University, Roberts Wesleyan University, St. John Fisher University, SUNY Brockport, or SUNY Geneseo.
4. Embody GRAWA's mission.
 - a. Display a passion for and/or commitment to fair and equal justice for all.
 - b. Demonstrate commitment to community service and/or community involvement.
5. Demonstrate a financial need, as determined in the sole discretion of the Committee.

Applications are available at www.grawa.org. Please submit applications and all supporting documents via email to GrawaGRACEscholarship@gmail.com by **April 30, 2025**. Recipients will be notified by email within thirty (30) days of the scholarship deadline.

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*Please submit the completed application and all supporting documents by **April 30, 2025** to GrawaGRACEscholarship@gmail.com.*

Demographic Information:

Applicant's Name:

Date of Birth:

Race/Ethnicity:

Permanent Address:

Current Mailing Address:

E-mail Address:

Cell Phone:

Name of Undergraduate School:

Year or Anticipated Year of Undergraduate School Graduation:

Other Graduate Schools and Degrees:

The following items must be included with your application to be considered for the GRACE Scholarship:

- A 750-word personal statement detailing personal background, academic goals, and motivation for pursuing a legal career.
- Proof of enrollment in **or** graduation from a relevant educational institution, as follows:
 - Status as a graduate of a Greater Rochester Area high school is established by an official copy of a diploma from a local high school or a letter that verifies graduation status from that high school.
 - Status as a college junior or senior is established by a certified copy of a transcript provided by a college or university demonstrating enrollment in an undergraduate program.
 - Status as a college graduate is established by a certified copy of a transcript that states a graduation date from an institution as set forth above.
- A 500-word statement demonstrating financial need.
- A current resume that outlines academic achievements, extracurricular activities, and relevant work/professional experience.

By signing below, you agree that the information submitted is truthful and accurate.

Applicant's signature

Date

Please note: All application documents must be included in one email for the application to be reviewed. Scholarships are not renewable. Recipients will be awarded at GRAWA's annual June Diversity Clerkship Reception. Scholarship funds cannot be expended to any recipient who does not sign a Scholarship Agreement. Scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the approved LSAT preparation programs and/or testing agencies or other law school entry-related cost designation. In some limited circumstances, funds will be disbursed directly to Award recipients. In these latter circumstances, recipients will be asked to provide additional documentation including, but not limited to, proof of payment to an approved recipient. The Scholarship award amount will be determined annually based on available funds and reviewers' discretion, with a goal of providing meaningful financial support to recipients. Please submit any questions to GrawaGRACEscholarship@gmail.com.