February 4, 2020

Dear Law Student:

The Garden State Bar Association (GSBA) cordially invites you to apply to be one of our 2020 Scholarship Recipients. The Scholarship will be awarded on Saturday, June 13, 2020 at our 45th Annual Scholarship & Awards Gala.

The GSBA was created to support African-American and other attorneys of color to gain and maintain permanence in the legal profession in the State of New Jersey. In an effort to give back to the community, more than twenty-five (25) years ago, the GSBA created a Scholarship Fund to help African-American law students attending schools in New Jersey. Traditionally, one student from each of New Jersey’s law schools was chosen to receive a scholarship. However, the GSBA has expanded the scholarship program to permit New Jersey residents attending law schools outside of New Jersey to apply.

In order to apply for the scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled in a New Jersey law school or be a New Jersey resident enrolled in an accredited law school in another state;
- A full-time first or second-year student, or a part-time first, second or third-year student (May 2020 graduates are not eligible);
- In good academic standing (an official certificate of good standing must accompany the application);
- Demonstration of financial need;
- Significant involvement in law school and community activities that benefit the African-American community;
- Submission of a Scholarship Application;
- Submission of a current resume;
- Submission of an official Certificate of Good Standing;
- Submission of Biography (no more than a single page); and
- Official sealed copy of current Law School Transcript, postmarked no later than March 14, 2020, to be mailed to: Sobande F. Afolabi, Esq., c/o GSBA Scholarship Committee, 48 Allen Street, Irvington, NJ 07111.

Except for Official Law School Transcript, application materials must be emailed in PDF format to gsbascholarship2020@gmail.com as one submission and received no later than March 22, 2020 at 11:59pm EST. Applications received after this date will not be considered.
Tentatively, required interviews with the Scholarship Committee will be scheduled for the week of April 13, 2020.

In addition to the above, all applications will be judged based upon their content, clarity, ability to follow directions and professionalism.

Qualified law students who are interested in applying can download the application from the GSBA’s website at: www.gardenstatebar.org/scholarship-1.

All applicants will receive a confirmation email acknowledging receipt of application materials and law school transcript.

All successful scholarship recipients will be notified by email and regular mail on or before April 4, 2020. Please be advised that each scholarship recipient will be expected to attend the GSBA’s 45th Annual Scholarship & Awards Gala on June 13, 2020 as a guest of the GSBA.

If you have any questions about the application, the requirements or process for applying, please contact the Scholarship Committee at gbascholarship2020@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

/s/Sobande F. Afolabi, Esq.
Scholarship Committee, Chairman

/s/Williams Rogers, Esq.
President

/s/Dean Burrell, Esq.
President-Elect

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2020 GSBA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY.

NAME ______________________________________________________________________________________
[First]                                                         [M.I.]                                                [Last]

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS ___________________________________________________________________
[Street]

[City/Town]                              [State]                                                [Zip Code]

PERMANENT ADDRESS (If different than current) ___________________________________________________________________
[Street]

[City/Town]                              [State]                                                [Zip Code]

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:  Day: _____________________   Evening: _____________________   Cell: _____________________

EMAIL ADDRESS: ___________________________________@________

NAME OF LAW SCHOOL _____________________________________________________________

SCHOOL ADDRESS ________________________________________________________________________________
[Street]

[City/Town]                              [State]                                                [Zip Code]

FULL TIME:  1ST YR [ ]  2ND YR [ ]

PART TIME: 1ST YR [ ]  2ND YR [ ]  3RD YR [ ]

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A GSBA SCHOLARSHIP?  NO [ ] YES [ ] If yes, what year? ________ Amount? $________

ARE YOU CURRENTLY RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID?  YES [ ] NO [ ]

SOURCE OF FINANCIAL AID (PLEASE INCLUDE TYPE AND AMOUNT):

GRANTS:_________________________________________________________________________________

LOANS:___________________________________________________________________________________

OTHER:___________________________________________________________________________________
ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, PLEASE ADDRESS EACH OF THE FOLLOWING IN THE FORM OF AN ESSAY:

1. LAW SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (UNDER EACH ACTIVITY, LIST YOUR INVOLVEMENT).
2. EXTRACURRICULAR/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN THE LAST 3 YEARS (UNDER EACH ACTIVITY, LIST YOUR INVOLVEMENT).
3. LIST ANY HONORS OR SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS YOU HAVE RECEIVED, INCLUDING DATE AND BASIS OF RECOGNITION.
4. DESCRIBE IN DETAIL WHAT YOUR GOALS ARE UPON GRADUATION AND 5 YEARS THEREAFTER? (2 PAGE LIMIT)
5. DESCRIBE IN YOUR OWN WORDS WHY YOU NEED THIS SCHOLARSHIP AND HOW YOU PLAN TO USE IT. (2 PAGE LIMIT)
6. TWO (2) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM INDIVIDUALS IN THE LEGAL COMMUNITY OR COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO CAN SPEAK TO YOUR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND/OR YOUR CHARACTER. (LETTERS CAN NOT BE FROM A FAMILY MEMBER.)

THIS APPLICATION AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION (OTHER THAN YOUR LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ONE PACKAGE, SCANNED AND EMAILED IN PDF FORMAT NO LATER THAN MARCH 22, 2020 to: gsbascholarship2020@gmail.com.
2020 GSBA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

I, ________________________________, a law school student at ________________________,
certify that the information I have provided in response to the 2020 GSBA Scholarship Application is true and accurate. I am aware that if any statement or information provided by me in this scholarship application or any supplemental information is willfully false, I will be disqualified from any further consideration and may be subject to return any scholarship award received.

Additionally, if I am selected as a 2020 GSBA Scholarship Recipient, I give GSBA express consent to publish my name, photo and likeness on its website and other social media outlets, and in its Souvenir Journal and/or other materials associated with GBSA’s scholarships, programs, presentations and initiatives.

Signature ____________________________________________  Date ____________________________
2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

All materials must be submitted on or before the due date (March 22, 2020 by 11:59pm EST). Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered.

☐ Completed 2020 Scholarship Application

☐ Current Resume

☐ Certificate of Good Standing

☐ One-page Biography

☐ List of Law School Activities

☐ List of Extracurricular/Community Activities in the last 3 years

☐ List of any Honors or Special Recognitions

☐ Description of your goals upon graduation and 5 years thereafter (2-page limit)

☐ Description of why you need this scholarship and how you plan to use it (2-page limit)

☐ Ordered Official Current Law School Transcript from Registrar’s Office. Transcript must be sealed, sent directly from the Law School, and mailed to: Sobande F. Afolabi, Esq., c/o GSBA Scholarship Committee, 48 Allen Street, Irvington, NJ 07111.

☐ Two Letters of Recommendation

☐ Signed Certification

☐ Except for Law School Transcript, all materials were emailed as one submission to gbsascholarship2020@gmail.com on _____________, 2020.

☐ Acknowledgment of emailed submission was received on _________________, 2020.

☐ Acknowledgment of receipt of Transcript was received on _________________, 2020.

Please do not submit this Checklist with your application.