



## **CAL NORTHERN SCHOOL OF LAW Legal Opportunity Scholarship**

### **About the CNSL Legal Opportunity Scholarship**

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The mission of the CNSL Legal Opportunity Scholarship is to encourage racial and ethnic minority students to apply to law school and to provide financial assistance to ensure that these students have the opportunity to attend law school.

The CNSL Legal Opportunity Scholarship is a Tuition Reduction Scholarship only. It may not be transferred to another person or institution, and there is no refund if the recipient leaves CNSL either due to withdrawal or being academically disqualified. An award made to an entering first-year student may be renewable for three additional years. Although each recipient will need to reapply for the scholarship in his or her second, third and fourth year, the expectation is that the scholarship will be renewed each year if the student is in good standing and funding is available. The deadline to accept the scholarship is 30 days after it is offered.

In addition to whether the applicant is a member of a racial and/or ethnic minority that has been underrepresented in the legal profession, the applicant's financial need; personal, family, and educational background; personal statement; and participation in community service activities will be considered in selecting the recipients of the CNSL Legal Opportunity Scholarships. It is important for every applicant to complete all portions of the application. Financial information for the applicant and/or his or her parents is required to evaluate the applicant's financial need. Cal Northern's Scholarship Committee will select the recipients. The decisions of the Committee are final.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible to receive a CNSL Legal Opportunity Scholarship, an applicant must meet all the following requirements:

1. The applicant must be an entering, first-year law student in academic year 2017-2018.
2. The applicant must self-identify as a member of a racial or ethnic group which is underrepresented in the legal profession, including African American/Black, Asian American/Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino or Native American/American Indian.
3. At the time of submission of the application, the applicant must have achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 grading scale) at his or her undergraduate institution. If the applicant has not completed his or her undergraduate degree at the time the application is submitted, he or she must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 grading scale) as of the most recent completed semester.

# **Instructions for Completing Scholarship Application**

To apply please provide the following information:

1. Application Form. Each applicant must complete the attached application form. Financial information should be completed by the applicant if independent; if dependent by the parent/guardian. Independent is defined as one who is not claimed as a dependent by the parent/guardian for tax purposes.
2. To complete the application, you must attach copies of federal income tax forms for yourself and your parents (if dependent). If you have completed your federal income tax return, please attach a copy to the application. You may submit copies of your previous year tax forms if you have not completed tax forms currently due.
3. Personal statement. Please limit your personal statement to 500 words. Your personal statement is your opportunity to include information that the application form does not convey and that you feel will assist us in reaching a thoughtful decision on your application. Examples of such information include a description of your personal strengths, your contributions through community service, a description of any special or unusual circumstances that may have affected your academic performance, or your personal and family history of educational or socio-economic disadvantage. While this list is not all-inclusive, we offer it for you to consider the types of information that may be useful in evaluating your application.
4. Transcript. Each applicant must submit a copy of his or her transcript from his or her undergraduate institution (unless already submitted with his or her Application for Admission).
5. Release form. Please make sure that you sign the release form.

**Application deadline: July 14th**

Mail, fax or drop off completed applications to

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