



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEW APPLICANT

An applicant for the V.I. Bar Association Scholarship must be a college graduate (or plan to graduate prior to being awarded a scholarship) who has been accepted to or is attending a law school approved by the American Bar Association. The applicant must be a permanent resident of the United States Virgin Islands and have plans to engage in the practice of law in the Virgin Islands within three (3) years of graduation. Each successful applicant shall agree to a commitment of one (1) year for each year an award is received.

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Please supply all information requested on this form, plus the following:

1. A letter of acceptance to a law school approved by the American Bar Association. Applicants must take the required number of credits as deemed necessary by the law school attending to be considered a full time student
2. Three letters of recommendation, one from a former college or law school professor and the rest not from a relative related by blood or marriage.
3. An essay on your career objectives in the U.S. Virgin Islands and how the schooling you plan will prepare you to attain these goals. (Essay must be typewritten.)
4. An official copy of your undergraduate college transcript. If presently attending law school, a copy of your latest official transcript, as well as your undergraduate college transcript.
 - a. Applicants who are already attending law school must have a grade point average of at least 2.75. If your school does not grade on a 4.0 system, it is incumbent upon the applicant to clearly demonstrate that they fulfill the 2.75 requirement.
 - b. Applicants who have not started law school must have an undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.25. If your school does not grade on a 4.0 system, it is incumbent upon the applicant to clearly demonstrate that they fulfill the 3.25 requirement.
5. A copy of your Student Financial Aid form [FAF], or the equivalent thereof.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION RENEWAL

Please bring up to date all information requested on this form, plus the following:

1. A copy of your latest official transcript.
2. A copy of your Student Financial Aid form [FAF], or the equivalent thereof.

The monies awarded to the successful candidate will be in the form of a grant, provided the successful applicant returns to practice law in the Virgin Islands. However, if the recipient does not return to practice law in the Virgin Islands within three (3) years of graduation, the grant will become an interest bearing loan at the rate of nine percent (9%) per annum.

Completed application must be mailed to the following address:

VIRGIN ISLANDS BAR ASSOCIATION
Scholarship Committee Chair
Post Office Box 224108
Christiansted, St. Croix
U.S. Virgin Islands 00822

DEADLINE: Applications, including all information requested pursuant to the foregoing instructions, must be postmarked no later than **June 30** for **Fall awards** and **November 15** for **Spring awards**. Please note that applicants can supplement their applications, if necessary, and submit grades and acceptance letters subsequent to the deadline, provided a letter of intent is included with the application.

Failure to submit all information requested will result in a **rejection** of the applicant's application.