



2026 Scholarship Application

LAW SCHOOL



HENRY LATIMER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Essay Prompt

In recent months, the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division has experienced significant staffing changes amid a major restructuring, which some critics argue prioritizes enforcement of politically-driven executive orders over traditional protections against discrimination. This shift has raised concerns about the Division's capacity to uphold civil rights and the long-term impact on marginalized communities. Meanwhile, civil rights organizations have initiated lawsuits—such as *National Urban League v. Trump*—challenging executive orders that limit diversity, equity, inclusion, and protections based on gender identity and expression.

Prompt:

Discuss the role of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division in protecting historically marginalized groups, the potential legal and societal consequences of this restructuring, focusing on the impact on attorneys, particularly minority attorneys, working within or alongside federal civil rights institutions.

Requirements

- Be a rising 2L or 3L law student of African-American descent.
- Currently attending an accredited law school in the State of Florida.
- Have a minimum GPA of a 2.5 on the UNOFFICIAL transcript submitted at the time of application. (Ideal candidate will have demonstrated a solid academic performance during law school).
- Written communication demonstrated in completed Essay (750 words typed).
- Submission of a 4x6 photograph (HEADSHOT ONLY) that is clear and may be used for publication.
- 250-word biography that may be used for publication.

Important Dates

- **Application Deadline:** Friday, April 24, 2026, 11:59 PM.
- **Recipients Announced:** Friday, May 22, 2026

Application Packets

An application packet will be considered complete only if it includes: (i) an essay responding to the selected scholarship prompt; (ii) an unofficial transcript; (iii) a 4 × 6 headshot photograph; and (iv) a 250-word biography. All materials must be submitted as a single PDF, except for the headshot photograph, which may be submitted as a separate attachment.

Submissions are due on **Friday, April 24, 2026**, to scholarshipstjreddickbar@gmail.com.