



## **2026 Judge Sidney M. Aronovitz Memorial Scholarship Fund | Application Guidelines**

**Deadline: Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m.**

**Notification of Award: April 2026**

**Award Amount Range: \$1,000 to \$3,000**

### **History**

The Aronovitz Family partnered with The Miami Foundation to honor the memory of the late Judge Sidney M. Aronovitz. Judge Aronovitz stood as an example for the community, excelling in his chosen profession and always thinking of those less fortunate than himself. As an attorney, community leader, and federal judge, he demonstrated his dedication to his country and the Greater Miami community. Scholarships are awarded to Miami-Dade County minority students planning to continue their education through the university level and pursue on a career related to the legal field or social-justice issues.

### **Submission + Deadline**

Applicants must apply through The Miami Foundation's scholarship portal. To access the online portal, go to [scholarships.miamifoundation.org](https://scholarships.miamifoundation.org), click on 'scholarship portal' on the right-hand side of the screen to register for an account. Once, you have registered, click on '2026 Judge Sidney M. Aronovitz Memorial Scholarship'.

Please be advised that The Foundation will not accept mailed, faxed or emailed applications. If awarded, funds can be used to cover eligible educational expenses up to the institution's cost of attendance, as determined by your college or university.

Review your application carefully and ensure that it is filled out completely.

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**\*\*These funds can only be used for undergraduate level studies**

### **Eligibility**

In order to qualify, applicants must:

- Plan to pursue a career related to the legal field or social-justice issues - striving to ensure social fairness and equity in society and working on behalf of marginalized groups.
- Be a minority high school senior graduating in Spring 2026 or a GED student no older than 19 years of age attending a Miami Dade County Public School.
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

### **Selection Criteria**

A Scholarship Advisory Committee will review and rate the applications and make final decisions on scholarship awards. The following criteria will be considered in evaluating applicants:

- Career and educational aspirations related to the legal field or advancing social justice
- School and Volunteer Activities/Work Experience and Community Involvement
- Letter of Recommendation
- Academic Achievement
- Financial Need
- Desire to return to Miami-Dade County post-college to better the community



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For questions about this worksheet contact [scholarships@miamifoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@miamifoundation.org)

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This is a template of the application that shows the information you will need to submit online. Mailed, emailed or faxed applications will not be accepted. Use this as a worksheet to gather the information you will need to provide online. To submit your application go to [scholarships.miamifoundation.org](https://scholarships.miamifoundation.org) for more information.

**We recommend that you complete all questions that have character count limits – which include spaces - in a word processing program first and then copy and paste your responses into the online application.**

**Personal Information:**

Last Name:		First Name:		Middle Name:	
Date of Birth:		Race/Ethnicity:		Gender:	
Address:					
Preferred Phone Number:			Parent/Guardian Name and Number:		
Secondary Phone Number:					
Email Address:			Secondary Email: <i>(non-school email)</i>		
Name of High School currently attending:					
College or university you plan to attend for the upcoming school year:					
Major you are pursuing:					

**Grade Point Average:**

Weighted High School GPA:

Unweighted High School GPA:

**Financial Need:**

What is the anticipated tuition for one year at the college or university you plan to attend? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

What is the estimated room and board cost for one year at the college or university you plan to attend? If you will be living at home or have other no-cost arrangements write "None." \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for/received other forms of financial aid? Yes or No      If Yes, please list:

Name of Financial Aid (Scholarship, Federal grants/loans, etc.)	Amount	Status: (Awarded, Not Awarded or Pending)
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	

Please provide your family's estimated combined annual income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Household Size: Adults (18 and older) \_\_\_\_\_ Children (under 18)

Number of household members who will be enrolled in higher education full-time in fall 2025 (include yourself): \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Questions (There is a 1,000 character limit that includes spaces):**

- 1. Financial Circumstances Summary:** Please describe any circumstances related to your family's financial status, which would give the Scholarship Advisory Committee a better understanding of the importance of this scholarship to your educational goals.
- 2. School, Volunteer, and Work Experience:** Describe what you consider to be your most important project or activity benefiting your school or community and/or outside jobs that have contributed to the support or welfare of your family.
- 3. Community Involvement:** Tell us the most meaningful community involvement experience that went beyond volunteering for community service events to working with an organization or cause over time to improve the lives of people in need.

**Required attachments to be uploaded:**

- **Personal Statement Essay (No more than 2 typed pages) or 2-minute video link:** Describe your personal career aspirations and educational plans related to pursuing a career in the legal field or social-justice - striving to ensure social fairness and equity in society and working on behalf of marginalized groups. Also, tell us if you have any post-college plans to return to Miami and how you plan to benefit the community.
- **Letter of Recommendation (1):** Please submit **one** letter of recommendation: the letter can be from a teacher or faculty member or a community leader, advisor, or mentor. **You will need to upload the letter as a single PDF document.**
- **Unofficial Transcript:** Please upload an unofficial transcript **as a single PDF**. Do not send the transcript separately.

**Other:** How did you hear about this scholarship opportunity?

**Certifications: In submitting the online application, you certify the following:**

1. **Financial Aid Displacement:** I understand that an award at this time may affect the financial aid package provided by my college or university. I certify that I have consulted with my school's Financial Aid Office to gather any pertinent information to ensure that if I were to receive an award it would not reduce the amount my school would contribute under its aid package

2. I certify that all the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by any authorized official of The Miami Foundation, I agree to give documentation for information given on this form. I realize that this proof may include a copy of a U.S. tax return. I realize that failure to comply with a request for further information may prevent the applicant from being considered. I understand that the financial information will be confidential, for review solely by The Miami Foundation and selection committee.