

## 2026 Future Lawyers Scholarship Fund | Application Guidelines

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

**Notification of Award: April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Award Amount: \$5,000**

### Scholarship Criteria

The Future Lawyers Scholarship established by [DRRT](#), an international law firm, will provide first-year law students with financial assistance as they explore their interest in pursuing a law degree. The recipient will receive a \$5,000 scholarship for three years of law studies with an opportunity to intern and attend events at DRRT. To qualify, applicants must have proven financial need, must be a resident of Miami-Dade or Broward County, and be admitted to an ABA-accredited law school.

### Submission + Deadline

Applications must be submitted online by **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m.**

Applicants must submit an application via the Foundation's online grants application portal. To access the online portal, please visit the Miami Foundation's scholarship page at [scholarships.miamifoundation.org](https://scholarships.miamifoundation.org), and carefully review the registration instructions.

If an application is missing information, our office **will not** inform the applicant nor review the application. Mailed, faxed, or emailed applications will not be accepted.

### Eligibility

In order to qualify, applicants must:

- Be a resident of Miami-Dade or Broward County
- Be admitted into an ABA-accredited law school
- Have an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.5 (3.5 GPA in law school will be necessary to renew)
- Have proven financial need
- Have excellent oral and written communication skills
- Be a leader and involved within their community
- Contribute to diversity efforts through involvement in law school or other community efforts
- Demonstrate a strong interest in securities litigation, commercial or financial law

### 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 securities litigation, commercial or financial law
- School and Volunteer Activities / Work Experience and Community Involvement
- Letter of Recommendation
- Academic Achievement
- Financial Need
- Short Personal Video / Personal Essay Statement

The Future Lawyers Scholarship program is administered in partnership with The Miami Foundation. Applications are submitted through the Foundation's online system and provided to the review and selection committee for The Future Lawyers Scholarship Fund.



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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:                       |                 |              |
| Email Address:                                |                 |              |
| Name of University of admitted to Law School: |                 |              |
| Undergraduate GPA:                            |                 |              |
| Anticipated graduation date is (month/year):  |                 |              |

**Financial Need:**

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

What is the estimated room and board cost for one year at the 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) |
|---|--------|---|
|   | \$     |   |
|   | \$     |   |
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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 2026 (include yourself): \_\_\_\_\_

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

- 1. Financial Circumstances Summary:** Summarize any challenging circumstances that impact you/your family's ability to pay for your college education. Your answer will provide the Scholarship Advisory Committee with a better understanding of the importance of this scholarship to your educational goals.

2. **Community Involvement:** Describe what you consider to be your most important project or activity that you have led benefiting your school or community that has contributed to diversity efforts.

**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.
- **Letter of Recommendation (1):** Please submit **one** letter of recommendation: the letter can be from a teacher or faculty member.
- **Unofficial College Transcript**
- **Resumé:** a professional resumé that lists your experience, both professional and academic.
- **FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)**
- **University Financial Aid Award Letter**

**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.