



## THE JUDICIAL FRIENDS ASSOCIATION, INC.

### 2024 COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP

*And so, lifting as we climb, onward and upward we go,  
struggling and striving, and hoping that the buds and  
blossoms of our desires will burst into glorious fruition  
ere long. With courage, born of success achieved in the past, with a keen sense of the responsibility which we  
shall continue to assume, we look forward to a future large with promise and hope. Seeking no favors because of  
our color, nor patronage because of our needs, we knock at the bar of justice, asking an equal chance. ~ Mary  
Church Terrell*

The Judicial Friends Association, Inc. is an organization founded in 1976 by local, state and federal African-American judges in the State of New York committed to achieving social and racial justice through law and service to the community. To advance these aims, the Judicial Friends Association mentors law students, offers judicial internships, educates the community to improve understanding of the rule of law, and provides scholarships to deserving law students. The Commitment to Justice Program provides annual scholarships to successful law student applicants who demonstrate passion and commitment to issues of social and racial justice. The Judicial Friends will award at least three Judicial Friends' **Commitment to Justice Scholarships** of \$3,000.00 at our annual Gala which will take place in **New York City on Tuesday, December 10, 2024.**

#### ELIGIBILITY

~~Current second~~ (2L) year and third (3L) year law students in a Juris Doctor program at an ABA accredited law school in New York State **or** NYS residents attending law school outside of New York State who are currently enrolled for the 2024-2025 academic year are eligible to apply.

The scholarships will be awarded to the applicants who best demonstrates academic excellence, community service, and a passion for justice.

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

~~Applicants must complete and~~ submit the following no later than **November 20, 2024 at 11:59 PM** to the Judicial Friends Scholarship Committee. You may submit your application **by emailing a pdf of the application with all supporting documents to the Judicial Friends Scholarship Committee, c/o Hon. Verna L. Saunders at [JudicialFriendsScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:JudicialFriendsScholarship@gmail.com)**

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- ◆ Application Form
  - ◆ Resume
  - ◆ Law School Transcript
  - ◆ Letter of Recommendation
  - ◆ 500 Word Essay demonstrating your commitment to social justice issues and impact of diversity, if any in your academic or professional career.



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**2024 COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

LAW SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR OF GRADUATION: \_\_\_\_\_

OPTIONAL: THE JUDICIAL FRIENDS ASSOCIATION is committed to the principle of diversity. Accordingly, scholarship applicants are invited to indicate which of the following may best describe them:

SELF-IDENTIFICATION:

African-American \_\_\_\_\_

Hispanic \_\_\_\_\_

Native-American \_\_\_\_\_

Asian-American \_\_\_\_\_

Multi-Racial \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

By my signature herewith, I attest to the truthfulness and accuracy of all statements and documents submitted in connection with this scholarship application.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_