

**BLACK LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF CINCINNATI
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati (“BLAC”) awards the following three scholarships.

Scholarship	Qualifications	School requirements, must be enrolled in	I am applying for this scholarship (check box below)
Theodore M. Berry	Created in recognition of the political, civic, and legal achievements of Theodore M. Berry, this Scholarship is awarded to a Black student attending the University of Cincinnati College of Law.	University of Cincinnati College of Law	<input type="checkbox"/>
William A. McClain, awarded in conjunction with the Cincinnati Bar Foundation	The William A. McClain Scholarship is awarded to a Black student and Cincinnati resident attending any ABA accredited law school who demonstrates leadership potential and dedication to community.	Any American Bar Association accredited law school	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jack Sherman, Jr., awarded in conjunction with the Federal Bar Association	The Jack Sherman, Jr. Scholarship is awarded to a minority student attending Chase College of Law who is interested in public service and who embodies inclusiveness and a sense of justice.	Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law	<input type="checkbox"/>

THIS ENTIRE APPLICATION INCLUDING THE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION AND THE RECOMMENDATION FORM MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 13, 2012 (send originals), IF SENDING BY E-MAIL, THEN IT MUST BE RECEIVED BY 6:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME ON FEBRUARY 13, 2012 (send scanned [PDF] versions of the originals). SEND TO:

**BERNICE L. WALKER, CHAIRPERSON
BLAC SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

**PO BOX 3181
CINCINNATI OH 45201-3181**

or

**BLWALKE@MSN.COM
(PREFERRED)**

Contact Bernice L. Walker at BLWalke@msn.com with questions and/or concerns.

AN APPLICATION IS INCOMPLETE IF THE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION AND THE RECOMMENDATION FORM ARE NOT SUBMITTED BY THE DUE DATE.

PLEASE PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW AND GIVE THE ATTACHED RECOMMENDATION FORM TO THE INDIVIDUAL WHO WILL PROVIDE YOUR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION IN A TYPE WRITTEN FORMAT. THIS IS A **SIX-PAGE** APPLICATION (NOT INCLUDING THE RECOMMENDATION FORM). YOU MAY SUBMIT UP TO **TWO ADDITIONAL PAGES** IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS PRESENTED, NOT COUNTING YOUR RESUME.

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Name: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School Address (if different from above address): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Law School: _____

Year Began: _____ Expected graduation date (mo/yr): _____ In good standing (Y/N): _____

Law School Activities and/or Memberships: _____

Other Graduate School (if applicable): _____

Undergraduate School: _____

Have you received, do you anticipate receiving, or have you applied for other scholarships for this academic year? (Specify, and indicate whether scholarship awarded) _____

Activities/Honors: Please list any publications, academic awards, honors, scholarships and/or extracurricular activities, including involvement in the community, from the time of your undergraduate education to the present (no need to list previously mentioned activities).

Describe how you plan to use your legal education:

ONLY PROVIDE RESPONSES BASED ON THE SCHOLARSHIP(S) FOR WHICH YOU ARE ELIGIBLE AND APPLYING (AS YOU INDICATED ON PAGE ONE).

Theodore M. Berry Scholarship

Awarded to a Black law student attending the University of Cincinnati College of Law

Created in recognition of the political, civic, and legal achievements of Theodore M. Berry, this Scholarship is awarded to a Black student attending the University of Cincinnati College of Law.

1. Describe your political, civic, and legal aspirations.

2. Describe your political, civic, and legal achievements.

3. Explain why you should be awarded this scholarship.

4. If awarded this scholarship, how do you intend to use the funds?

5. Add any comments or additional information that may be helpful to the committee in considering you for this scholarship (optional).

William A. McClain Scholarship

The William A. McClain Scholarship is awarded to a Black student and Cincinnati resident attending any ABA accredited law school who demonstrates leadership potential and dedication to community.

- 1. Explain your connection with Cincinnati, Ohio.**
- 2. Explain your commitment to the Cincinnati community.**
- 3. Describe your leadership activities, include positions held and responsibilities.**
- 4. Explain your need for financial assistance.**
- 5. Explain why you should be awarded this scholarship.**
- 6. If awarded this scholarship, how do you intend to use the funds?**
- 7. Add any comments or additional information that may be helpful to the committee in considering you for this scholarship (optional).**

Jack Sherman, Jr. Scholarship

The Jack Sherman, Jr. Scholarship is awarded to a minority student attending Chase College of Law who is interested in public service and who embodies inclusiveness and a sense of justice.

- 1. Describe your interest in public service.**

- 2. List your public service activities, include positions held and responsibilities.**

- 3. Describe a community that is inclusive.**

- 4. Define justice.**

- 5. Explain why you should be awarded this scholarship.**

- 6. If awarded this scholarship, how do you intend to use the funds?**

- 7. Add any comments and additional information that may be helpful to the committee in considering you for this scholarship (optional).**

APPLICANTS FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS – ATTACH RESUME, INDICATE MEMBERSHIP, AND SIGN AND DATE CERTIFICATION

RESUME: Attach a current copy of your resume (no more than two pages, 12-point font or larger and 1-inch margins).

MEMBERSHIPS: Black Law Students Association – Yes _____ / No _____ (check one)
Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati – Yes _____ / No _____ (check one)
National Bar Association – Yes _____ / No _____ (check one)

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that I wish to receive a BLAC Scholarship and that the information contained in this application is true, and authorize BLAC to contact my law school and reference(s) to verify information.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

We reserve the right to contact your law school and reference(s) to verify any information provided.

**SEE THE BLACK LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF CINCINNATI DESCRIPTIONS OF SCHOLARSHIPS
AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS DOCUMENTS FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

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RECOMMENDATION FORM

For Theodore M. Berry William A. McClain Jack Sherman, Jr. Scholarship(s)
(check all that apply)

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

NAME OF RECOMMENDER: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT, AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?

SUBMIT THIS FORM AND YOUR SIGNED LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION, IF SENT BY REGULAR U.S. MAIL MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 13, 2012 (send originals), IF SENDING BY E-MAIL, THEN MUST BE RECEIVED BY 6:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME ON FEBRUARY 13, 2012 (send scanned [PDF] versions of the originals). AN APPLICATION IS INCOMPLETE IF THE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION AND THE RECOMMENDATION FORM ARE NOT SUBMITTED BY THE DUE DATE.

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Signature of Recommender

Date

THE WILLIAM A. McCLAIN SCHOLARSHIP

The Honorable William A. McClain was born on January 11, 1913 in Sanford, North Carolina. He attended Wittenberg University (Springfield, Ohio), graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1934. In 1937, McClain received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Michigan Law School. He has been a member of the Bar of Ohio for more than 70 years. In 1951, after being denied membership twice, McClain became the first Black member of the Cincinnati Bar Association. He later became the City Solicitor of Cincinnati (1963-72) making him the first Black attorney to serve as City Solicitor of any major city in the country. During his years as an attorney, he has been a member of the law firm of Keating, Muething & Klekamp (1972-73); he was the first Black judge of the Hamilton County Common Pleas Court; he served as judge of the Municipal Court of Hamilton County and as Civil Trial Referee of the same Court. For more than twenty years, he was Of Counsel with the law firm of Manley Burke (1980-2003). McClain served as the Director of Legal Services for the Village of Lincoln Heights (1980-87, and 1994-2003). On May 4, 1997, he was awarded the highly coveted Ellis Island Medal of Honor. The award was created in 1986 to honor the many ancestral groups who through struggle, sacrifice, and success helped build our great nation. McClain continues to be honored for his accomplishments and contributions. The Mallory Center for Community Development bestowed upon him its History Maker Award on February 24, 2001. In 2003, the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce recognized McClain as "A Great Living Cincinnati". The crowning moment of his life came on October 23, 2004 when Wittenberg University dedicated "The William A. McClain Culture House" in honor of his life and career as the only Black graduate in the Class of 1934. On October 21, 2010, Judge McClain was presented with the Cincinnati Bar Foundation's John L. Muething Lifetime Achievement in Law Award. He is a member of numerous organizations, including, but not limited to, the Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati (BLAC), the Cincinnati Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association, the National Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He is a Life Member of the Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a member of the American Judicature Society the Cincinnati Bar Foundation and the Lawyers Club of Cincinnati. McClain became the first Black member of the Lawyers Club in 1947, after a heated debate over his admission. On September 22, 1994, he was recognized for this and other accomplishments at a joint meeting of the Lawyers Club of Cincinnati and BLAC. McClain and his wife since 1944, Roberta (White) McClain, were very pleased to hear the announcement of the scholarship in McClain's name, initiated by the donation of the law firm of Keating, Muething & Klekamp. This scholarship will be awarded to a Black law student attending any accredited law school who has demonstrated leadership potential, and a dedication to the Cincinnati community, and has expressed a financial need. The Cincinnati Bar Foundation and BLAC fund this scholarship jointly.