

**AAML Illinois Chapter William Stewart Boyd Scholarship
for African American Law Students**

APPLICATION

Instructions:

Please complete this application form and include all documents requested. Please email your application and supporting documents to:

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Deadline: Applications will be accepted beginning August 21, 2023 and ending October 15, 2023 for the academic year 2023 - 2024.

Requirements: All Applicants must complete the application form and essay below and sign the release of information to allow the AAML Illinois Chapter to confirm the applicant’s enrollment as a 2L in an Illinois Law School for the 2023 - 2024 academic year.

Applicants must submit an official copy of the Applicant’s most recent transcript, two letters of recommendation (at least one from a law professor) and a current resume.

The “AAML Illinois Chapter William Stewart Boyd Scholarship for African American Law Students” is the scholarship sponsored by the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. This scholarship is a one-time award of \$5,000 to one 2L law student attending an Illinois Law School during the 2023 - 2024 academic year.

To qualify, the Applicant must:

- Identify as African American
- Be enrolled on a fulltime basis as a 2L in an accredited Illinois Law School
- Have an interest in Family Law

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION:

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
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Home street address	Apt.	City	State	Zip code
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Email Address	Daytime phone number
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Preferred Pronouns

Release of Information: I am currently enrolled as a 2L in law school in Illinois at _____
_____ for the 2023 - 2024 academic year. I authorize AAML IL
to contact (please provide the name, telephone number, and email address of the person in admissions at
your law school who can verify your enrollment) _____

ESSAY

In an attached essay of 500 words or less, please state why you should be considered a strong candidate to receive this scholarship by addressing one or more of the following:

1. What factors in your personal background, grades and academic interests brought you to enroll in law school?
2. What interests do you have in the field of matrimonial or family law?
3. Are you personally interested in working to benefit families in your community? If so, how would you like to do this?
4. Where do you see yourself professionally ten years from now?

Submitted by _____ Date _____

Applications from applicants who do not meet the qualifications and/or do not submit the completed application form including the release of information, an essay, an official copy of the applicant's most recent transcript, two letters of recommendation (at least one from a law professor), and a current resume will not be considered for the scholarship.

Applicants who are selected as a scholarship recipient will be asked to sign a release to allow the AAML-IL permission to use the scholarship recipient's name and relevant information, photographs and videos of the scholarship recipient, and statements for traditional media outlets, social media channels, website and marketing materials without compensation to the scholarship recipient.

Prior recipients of the AAML Illinois Chapter William Stewart Boyd Scholarship for African American Law Students are ineligible.