



**Damon J. Keith Scholarship
Victoria A. Roberts Scholarship
Wolverine Bar Foundation Scholarship**

Information Form and Application

The **Damon J. Keith Scholarship** was established in 1995 by the Wolverine Bar Foundation to commemorate Judge Damon J. Keith taking senior status on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. The Damon J. Keith Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship that is awarded to law students who emulate the type of commitment to social equality and combating racism that has been demonstrated by Judge Keith throughout his career.

The **Victoria A. Roberts Scholarship** was established in 2020 by the Wolverine Bar Foundation in honor of Judge Victoria A. Roberts' contributions to the legal community and Southeast Michigan. The Victoria A. Roberts Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship that is awarded to law students with ties to Detroit that have demonstrated a commitment to community service and overcome obstacles.

The **Wolverine Bar Foundation Scholarship** is awarded to law students that have exhibited leadership and dedication to the community.

ELIGIBILITY

Law students of all ages, ethnic, gender and racial backgrounds are encouraged to submit applications for these prestigious scholarships. Applications are considered by the Wolverine Bar Foundation's Scholarship Committee ("Scholarship Committee") from any law student in good standing, currently enrolled in law school in the state of Michigan, or from any Michigan resident currently enrolled and in good standing in a law school out-of-state. First-year students in their first semester of law school are not eligible to apply for the scholarships. Former scholarship recipients are ineligible; however, previous applicants who meet the requirements are welcome to re-apply.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

An applicant wishing to be considered for the scholarship(s) must complete the online application **no later than Friday, March 6, 2020**, and upload the following application materials directly to the WBA via the Dropbox link provided in the online application:

- A current resume.
- An official law school transcript from each law school you have attended. If your law school transcript does not indicate that you are in good standing, please provide a letter of good standing from the law school you are presently attending.
- A personal statement indicating why you feel you should be considered for the scholarship(s), including all facts you believe will be helpful to the Scholarship Committee in evaluating your application. Your personal statement should demonstrate that you have carefully considered how your background, achievements, and aspirations for the future coincide with the purpose of the scholarship(s).
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from current or former employers, professors, or someone familiar with your work ethic, character, and judgment. **Letters of recommendation must be submitted electronically, in PDF format, by the recommender directly to the WBA via the Dropbox link provided in the online application.** Please ask your recommenders to include your name within the name of the pdf file. **Recommendation letters received after Friday, March 6, 2020 will not be considered.**

SELECTION PROCESS

The Scholarship Committee is charged with overseeing the administration of the scholarships. Scholarship candidates are screened through a two-tier process. The Scholarship Committee will complete an initial evaluation of each candidate based upon the application package. All applicants selected for an interview will be notified by telephone or electronic mail to arrange an interview time. The Scholarship Committee anticipates conducting interviews on **Saturday, March 21, 2020**. During this interview, the Scholarship Committee explores the applicant's background, community involvement, activities in pursuit of equal justice for all, and any school, civic, religious or social involvement the candidate believes qualifies him or her for the scholarship(s). All applicants will be notified by electronic mail of the status of their application.

Applicants selected to receive a scholarship will be notified within fourteen (14) days of the interview date. All scholarship recipients will be invited to attend the annual Barristers' Ball on **April 18, 2020**. Scholarship recipients will receive their scholarship and be formally acknowledged during the President's Reception immediately preceding the Ball.

Please submit any question regarding the application or interviews to scholarship@wolverinebar.org.