

# Freeborn & Peters LLP Diversity Scholarship Award

## Program Summary

At Freeborn, we believe that people with different backgrounds and cultures make us stronger as an organization and allows us to deliver better results for our clients. We created our Diversity Scholarship Award to continue our commitment to creating and maintaining a diverse and inclusive working environment throughout our firm and strengthen diversity and inclusion in the practice of law.

Freeborn will award \$5,000 to eligible 1st and 2nd year law students, payable toward law school tuition or other school-related expenses.

## Eligibility

1L and 2L law students who meet the selection criteria and have entered into a JD program at an ABA-accredited law school in the U.S. are eligible to apply for the Freeborn Diversity Scholarship Award.

Applicants must have a demonstrated record of academic achievement, excellent interpersonal skills, and an interest in serving the local legal community of one of our five Freeborn offices (Chicago, New York, Tampa, Richmond, or Springfield).

## Selection Criteria

Our scholarship award is based on the following criteria:

- Academic merit (undergraduate, graduate, and law school);
- Sincere interest in a Freeborn practice area;
- Commitment to the pursuit of diversity and inclusion in the legal field;
- Identification as a member of a historically underrepresented group or demonstrated commitment to strengthening diversity and inclusion in the field of law;
- Excellent written communication skills; and
- Leadership qualities and community involvement.

## Application Process

Applications will be received from May 1, 2021 – July 15, 2021.

The following documents must be submitted to be considered for the scholarship award:

- Completed Diversity Scholarship Award application form (attached)
- Résumé
- Copies of academic transcripts (law school, undergraduate/graduate)
- An essay inclusive of the questions outlined in the attached application (questions 1-3)

Submit completed application materials via email to Christine Hollis at [chollis@freeborn.com](mailto:chollis@freeborn.com).

You may obtain additional information regarding Freeborn's diversity and inclusion mission by visiting our website at [www.freeborn.com/diversity](http://www.freeborn.com/diversity).

Applications for the Freeborn & Peters LLP Diversity Scholarship Award should be submitted by July 15, 2021 via email to [chollis@freeborn.com](mailto:chollis@freeborn.com). Please remember to complete all sections of the application and send it along with your supporting documents (transcript(s), résumé, and answers to the essay questions on this form). Thank you for your interest!

### Contact Information

Name (Last, First, Middle):		Date:	
Present Street Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Cell Phone:	Other Phone:	Expected date of law school graduation:	
Email Address:			

### Contact Information

List the schools and/or educational organizations you have attended, beginning with your most recent:

Name of School or Organization	City, State	Dates Attended	Years Completed

### Coursework

Please provide a copy of your transcript(s) as an attachment. Please include courses you will have completed by summer of 2021 (unofficial transcripts acceptable).

### Previous Internships and Employment

Provide a list of previous employers. Please include all paid and unpaid positions of the past 10 years in the order they occurred. Please continue the list on a separate sheet of paper if needed.

Internship or Employer Name:	Address:	Dates of Employment:	Position Held:
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## Essay Questions

In a separate document, please write an essay statement describing:

1. Your career goals - This should be inclusive of what interests you most about the legal system generally, and Freeborn & Peters LLP specifically.
2. The importance of diversity in law - This should include how you have contributed to or supported diversity and how you plan to champion diversity and inclusion in the legal field.
3. Educational benefit - Please outline how this scholarship award will provide an educational benefit (e.g., assist in completing coursework, help provide for necessary research materials, be applied towards tuition expenses, etc.).

The Freeborn & Peters LLP 2021 Diversity Scholarship Award application is due July 15, 2021. Freeborn & Peters Diversity Committee will review all applications and return decisions by September 1, 2021.