

2024 PRISCILLA GREEN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

In furtherance of its mission to enhance the role of Black people in the legal profession and increase their numbers in the state of Connecticut, the George W. Crawford Black Bar Association (“Crawford”) offers the annual Priscilla Green Scholarship. A one-time, **two thousand dollar (\$2,000)** scholarship will be awarded to the first place winner and up to **two (2)** additional scholarships valued at **one thousand dollars (\$1,000)** for minority law students based on: (a) 40% on his/her academic and extracurricular achievement, and a one page personal statement evidencing his/her current societal contributions in furtherance of Crawford’s mission; and (b) 60% on an essay of one thousand (1,000) words or less.

Eligibility: Scholarship applicants must be an African American and/or Black student at an accredited law school who has demonstrated a commitment to both practicing law in the State of Connecticut and furthering Crawford's mission.

Deadline: Applications must be received by **7:00 p.m. on Friday March 29, 2024**. Please provide a single document and/or PDF, if possible. Document names should include the first and last name of the applicant. Completed applications must be sent to amcfarlane@mccarter.com.

Additional Information: The award will be presented at the George W. Crawford Black Bar Association Annual Dinner, which will take place at the Connecticut Convention Center located at 100 Columbus Blvd in Hartford, CT 06103 on May 22, 2024. The award recipient(s) will be notified in advance of the dinner and will be expected to attend. You may contact Crawford's Student Mentoring Committee at amcfarlane@mccarter.com with any questions regarding the application process.

Good luck to all applicants!

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Full Name:

Law School:

Graduation Year:

Email:

Telephone:

I. RESUME AND PERSONAL STATEMENT (40% of Scoring)

(a) Please attach an updated resume that includes your year of matriculation, expected year of graduation, grade point average, all secondary and professional schools attended and degrees received, honors and awards received, and extracurricular activities. Your resume may include additional information to be considered in the evaluation of your application, but should not exceed two (2) pages. Please attach a headshot photo to your resume.

(b) In **one page, double-spaced**, please explain how your past or current school, work, or societal contributions have been in furtherance of Crawford's mission. Crawford's mission is:

To work aggressively for the enhancement of the role of Black people in the legal profession and to increase their numbers in the state of Connecticut; to focus on legal issues which affect members of the Black community and address those issues as a unified body; to provide a vehicle for interaction between its members, other professionals, Black businesses and other organizations in the state of Connecticut; to establish lines of communication with affiliates of local and national organizations within the legal profession to better achieve these purposes; and to undertake such programs, activities and projects in the promotion of its goals as are legally permissible under the laws of the state of Connecticut.

Factors that we will consider in grading this essay include but are not limited to: a) the applicant's ability to effectively explain how their work, accomplishments, or personal/professional motivations advance Crawford's mission; b) writing proficiency; and c) creativity.

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II. ESSAY (60% of Score)

PROMPT

In November of 2023, the United States Supreme Court announced that the justices will subject themselves to a code of ethics. "The absence of a Code, however, has led in recent years to the misunderstanding that the Justices of this Court, unlike all other jurists in this country, regard themselves as unrestricted by any ethics rules," they wrote. "To dispel this misunderstanding, we are issuing this Code, which largely represents a codification of principles that we have long regarded as governing our conduct."

Regardless of the perceived reasons for the adoption of a first-ever ethics code, this new "standard" amongst the justices is noteworthy. As lawyers, the Rules of Professional Conduct outlines our professional responsibilities. For example, Rule 3.3 (Candor Toward The Tribunal); Rule 4.1 (Truthfulness in Statements to Others); and 8.4 (Misconduct) of the Model Rules help to provide a framework about our ethical responsibilities and holding others accountable.

While it is true, some lawyers are guided by personal conscience and the admiration amongst their professional peers. The best lawyers, however, should strive to attain the highest level of skill, to improve the law and the legal profession while acting with honesty and integrity.

QUESTION

Consider the legal profession, whether it be the courses you've taken, researched, or other personal and/or professional experiences. In your own words, please describe what we can learn from the Supreme Court's adoption of a code of ethics --- beyond the fact that a code of ethics helps us to create positive decisions while steering away from unjust outcomes --- and how a code of ethics guides you in your personal and professional life.

Your essay should not exceed 1,000 words.