The Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati (BLAC) invites eligible law students to apply for scholarship(s). We anticipate that each scholarship will be equal to or greater than the $2,000.00 awarded for each scholarship last year. The selection of recipients will be made by the BLAC Scholarship Committee. The Chairperson was selected by the BLAC President and other members of the association who volunteered to serve.

The selected recipients will be recognized and presented with their scholarships at BLAC’s 19th Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet to be held at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel, in downtown Cincinnati. Each recipient will be asked to submit an appropriate photograph and biography for publication in our program booklet soon after the selection.

In addition to awarding three law student scholarships, we will present our distinguished service award and introduce members of the Class of 2011 from our two area law schools to the greater Cincinnati legal community. The black tie optional affair will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2011 beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a reception, followed by a 7:30 p.m. dinner program. Approximately 400 lawyers, judges, law students, and friends attend our banquet each year.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1. **MAY I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE SCHOLARSHIP?**

Yes. You may apply for multiple scholarships. However, be certain to read the eligibility criteria to ensure that you meet the threshold requirements. In most cases students attending the Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University or the University of Cincinnati College of Law will be eligible to apply for two of the scholarships offered. Students attending other law schools will only be eligible for the William A. McClain Scholarship.

2. **IF I AM APPLYING FOR MULTIPLE SCHOLARSHIPS SHOULD I SUBMIT SEPARATE APPLICATIONS FOR EACH SCHOLARSHIP?**

If you are applying for multiple scholarships, it is not required that you submit separate applications. However, if you apply for multiple scholarships then you will need to answer the questions pertaining to each specific scholarship. If you need additional space to submit your answer, then restate the questions on a separate
page and include in the header of that page your name, address, telephone number and the name of the scholarship. The following example has been provided as an illustration:

Jesse James  
1000 Court Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
Phone: (513) 555-5555  

Theodore M. Berry Scholarship

3. SHOULD I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION IN WORD OR PDF?

Since the application must be signed, you should complete the application, sign and date it where required, and submit the original by regular U.S. Mail or submit a scanned (PDF) version of the document by e-mail.

4. WHO SHOULD I USE AS A RECOMMENDER?

You must use your discretion in selecting a reference. Please consider whether the individual you select as a reference will timely submit the letter of recommendation and Recommendation Form. Individuals have used professors, employers, colleagues, mentors or members of the Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati (“BLAC”). Be sure to use individuals who know you and are able to express to the Scholarship Committee your qualifications for the scholarship.

5. SHOULD THE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION?

No. The letter of recommendation should be submitted directly to the scholarship committee by the recommender.

6. CAN MORE THAN ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION BE SUBMITTED?

Only one letter of recommendation is required and we will only consider one letter for each scholarship for which the law student applies.
7. I AM APPLYING FOR TWO SCHOLARSHIPS, SHOULD I HAVE A DIFFERENT PERSON WRITE A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR EACH SCHOLARSHIP?

We anticipate applicants using their best judgment in selecting who will write recommendation(s) in support of their application(s), and deciding whether the same person should write more than one recommendation for them.

8. SHOULD THE PERSON WRITING THE RECOMMENDATION SUBMIT IT OR SHOULD THE APPLICANT?

The recommender should submit the signed letter of recommendation on letterhead of the recommender, and the completed, signed, and dated Recommendation Form. The original documents should be submitted if sending by regular U.S. Mail, and a scanned (PDF) version of the documents should be sent if submitting by e-mail.

9. IS THERE A PREFERENCE THAT THE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION BE WRITTEN BY A MEMBER OF BLAC?

We anticipate applicants using their best judgment in selecting who will write recommendation(s) in support of their application(s). You must use your discretion in selecting a reference. In the past, applicants have decided to use different references for each scholarship. Other applicants have used the same reference for each scholarship. However, please consider whether the individual(s) you select will timely submit the Recommendation Form and letter of recommendation. Letters of recommendation have been written by a variety of people, e.g., law professors, employers, colleagues, mentors and members of BLAC. Be sure to ask individual(s) who know you and are able to express to the Scholarship Committee your qualifications for the scholarship.

10. DOES THE APPLICATION NEED TO BE TYPED?

Yes.

11. WHEN IS MY APPLICATION DUE?

Applications and supporting letters of recommendation must be submitted by February 16, 2011. Regular U.S. Mail submissions must be postmarked by February 16, 2011, and e-mail submissions must be received by 6:00 p.m. on February 16, 2011.
12. IS FAXING AN OPTION?

No. Materials may be submitted by regular U.S. Mail or e-mail (preferred).

13. WILL MY APPLICATION STILL BE CONSIDERED IF MY LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION IS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE?

No, an application is incomplete if the supporting letter of recommendation and the Recommendation Form are not received by the due date.

14. DO I NEED TO BE PRESENT AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET TO RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP?

We strongly encourage your attendance at the annual scholarship and awards banquet. However, most of us recall the days of law school and understand that scheduling challenges may preclude your attendance. Therefore, the recipient is not required to be present at the banquet.

15. WHAT, IF ANY, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE REQUESTED OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS?

Scholarship recipients will be asked to submit a brief biography (no more than 175 words) and an appropriate head shot photograph for inclusion in the banquet program booklet.

Contact Chairperson Bernice L. Walker, BLAC Scholarship Committee at BLWalke@msn.com with questions and/or concerns not sufficiently addressed above.