



Hon. Arlander Keys Scholarship

The Richard Linn American Inn of Court is proud to offer the Hon. Arlander Keys Scholarship for law students. This scholarship is part of the Linn Inn's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers of high ethics, civility, and professionalism, including those from diverse backgrounds.

Eligibility

Law students enrolled in a Juris Doctorate program at an ABA-accredited HBCU law school in the United States at the time of filing the application and who will continue in that program through the Fall 2027 are eligible to apply for the Hon. Arlander Keys Scholarship. Students eligible for this scholarship should consider also applying for the Mark T. Banner Scholarship offered by the Linn Inn that is awarded on similar criteria except the Banner Scholarship is not limited to HBCU students and requires a focus on the field of intellectual property law.

Selection Criteria

Scholarship recipients will be selected by the Hon. Arlander Keys Scholarship review board based on the following criteria:

- **Enrollment in an ABA-Accredited Law School at an HBCU.**
- **Ethics, Civility, and Professionalism:** Exemplary qualities and actions reflecting integrity and respect in both personal and professional conduct.
- **Academic Achievement:** Strong academic performance in undergraduate, graduate, and law school studies.
- **Exceptional Communication Skills:** Written and oral communication abilities, including evaluation through a video interview for finalists.
- **Leadership and Community Engagement:** Demonstrated leadership skills and active participation in initiatives that contribute positively to the community.
- **Resilience and Overcoming Adversity:** The ability to illustrate personal resilience through overcoming significant challenges or hardships, which could include, but are not limited to, socio-economic disadvantages, first-generation educational attainment, familial or personal hardships, or other compelling circumstances.
- **Demonstrated Interest in Intellectual Property Law:** Applicants must show an interest in intellectual property law.

Financial Award

Recipient of the Hon. Arlander Keys Scholarship will receive an amount anticipated to be \$10,000, payable during the Summer.

Application Process

Applications will be accepted from now through 11:59 p.m. (CST) **December 6, 2026**. The winner will be notified in Spring 2027, and the award will be announced at the Richard Linn American Inn of Court Annual Scholarship Dinner in Summer of 2027.

Applicants should submit the following documents as a **single PDF format file** for consideration:

- Completed Hon. Arlander Keys Scholarship Application Form (this form);
- Resume;
- Academic transcripts (law school, undergraduate/graduate school);
- Three-page statement (maximum) describing (a) how ethics, civility and professionalism have been a focus of the candidate, (b) how the candidate has overcome significant challenges or hardships, and (c) the candidate's commitment to the pursuit of a career in IP law; and
- Contact information for three references (this form).

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Law School: _____

Year of Graduation (expected): _____

Law School GPA/Class Rank: _____

Undergraduate University and Degree: _____

Undergraduate GPA/Class Rank: _____

REFERENCE 1: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

REFERENCE 2: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

REFERENCE 3: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Date: _____

Electronic or Original Signature of Applicant¹

Application materials, formatted as a single PDF file, should be submitted by e-mail to the following contact information, indicating “Keys Scholarship Application” in the subject line:

Hon. Arlander Keys Scholarship
c/o The Richard Linn American Inn of Court
keysscholarship@linninn.org

Please visit www.linninn.org for more information
about The Richard Linn American Inn of Court.

¹ The applicant represents, by the applicant's signature, that the applicant understands that (a) selections for scholarships by the Inn are final and not subject to review by the American Inns of Court Foundation, (b) all materials submitted by applicants shall become the property of the Linn Inn, for disposal or to be retained as the Linn Inn sees fit, and (c) awards of scholarships shall include Inn press releases, may reveal information about the applicant from the application process, and may become known to the applicants' fellow students, law school faculty and administration, family, friends and others.