



9th ANNUAL ALFRED JENKINS SCHOLARSHIPS SUMMER 2020

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2020 Black Prosecutors Association of Los Angeles Foundation Alfred Jenkins Scholarship Application

Black Prosecutors Association of Los Angeles (BPLA) is a chapter of the National Black Prosecutors Association (www.blackprosecutors.org). It is a public service organization, and among its objectives are to ensure that justice is provided to those who enter the criminal justice system through fair and firm prosecution; to honor the history of African Americans in the profession of criminal prosecution; to serve as a catalyst for interdisciplinary communication, innovative training, professional development and camaraderie among individuals choosing careers in law enforcement; to provide an open forum to address the needs and concerns of the community; to educate the community regarding the criminal justice system; and to offer scholarships, mentoring and assistance to students in the furtherance of their education.

Black Prosecutors Association of Los Angeles Foundation (BPLAF) was established in 2015 to inform the public about the role of prosecutors, educate about the impact of the justice system on our communities, and to encourage civic engagement. BPLAF also offers scholarship assistance to high school students, undergraduate students, and law students to ensure they become successful, productive, and responsible citizens of our community.

To that end, BPLAF is proud to offer our 9th Annual Alfred Jenkins Scholarship Awards to honor the commitment and achievements of law students. The scholarship is normally presented at our Annual Alfred Jenkins Scholarship Awards Dinner and Reception; however, we will not hold the dinner as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Alfred Jenkins Scholarship Awards is open to law students who can show a demonstrated interest in becoming a local, state or federal prosecutor. The applicant must be entering their second or third year of law school in the Fall of 2020. To apply, each applicant must submit their resume, a one-page statement of qualification, one letter of reference, and a photo. A virtual interview with the Scholarship Panel is also required.

The statement of qualification should demonstrate the applicant's understanding of the role of prosecutors in the criminal justice system, the reason the applicant wants to become a prosecutor, and any relevant work experience in a prosecutorial agency or related field. All materials must be received by July 10, 2020. The materials must be emailed to bplafoundation@gmail.com and the subject line should indicate "2020 Law School Scholarship."

For those ineligible for the scholarship award, you can still support our efforts by making a voluntary donation, becoming a sponsor of one of our programs, attending a future Alfred Jenkins Scholarship Awards Dinner and Reception, buying an ad in our Awards Dinner souvenir

booklet, and becoming a member of BPLA at bpla@ymail.com. Please feel free to contact me directly for more information regarding opportunities to help BPLA and BPLAF. Thank you for your assistance and support.

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