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CHIEF JUSTICE RALPH D. GANTS JUDICIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Chief Justice Ralph D. Gants

The late Chief Justice Gants was a champion of access to justice and equity in the Massachusetts legal system. **The Chief Justice Gants Judicial Scholarship Program** was conceived in his memory to give Massachusetts law students with limited financial means the opportunity to gain valuable experience in the judicial system, while also creating equity by increasing pathways to successful legal, public service, and judicial careers. Scholarships of \$8,000 will be awarded on a competitive basis to eligible law students.

Eligibility

Law student applicants must:

- Be enrolled in a Massachusetts law school accredited by the American Bar Association;
- Be a student in good academic standing, as certified by the law school;
- Demonstrate financial need, as certified by the law school; and
- Have secured a full-time judicial internship within the Massachusetts state court system. (To be considered full-time, an intern must work a minimum of 35 hours/week for a minimum of 10 weeks. Pro-rated stipends are also available for 8- or 9-week internships.)

Application Process

Law student applicants must complete and submit the following documents to their law school internship offices:

- A completed Chief Justice Gants Judicial Scholarship application;
- A personal statement that is no more than two pages in length and details the factors influencing your decision to pursue an internship in the Massachusetts judicial system; and
- A current resumé.

Selection Criteria

Recipients will be selected by their respective law school, based on consideration of:

- Undergraduate and law school academic performance;
- Personal achievement;
- Personal statement;
- Demonstrated leadership ability; and
- Demonstrated community or public service.

Special consideration will be given to applicants who identify as members of a group that is currently underrepresented in the MA legal community, typically referring to (but not limited to) race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

For questions or additional information, please contact: foundation@massbar.org.

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2023/2024 Chief Justice Ralph D. Gants Judicial Scholarship Application

PART ONE: PERSONAL INFORMATION			
Name:			
Address:		Phone:	
		Email:	
Law School:		Grad Year:	GPA:
Honors:			
Undergraduate College/University:			
Degree Received:		Grad Year:	GPA:
Other Graduate Schools (if applicable):			
Degree Received:			
Language(s) other than English:			
Fluency Level:	<input type="radio"/> Fluent	<input type="radio"/> Proficient	

PART TWO: FINANCIAL INFORMATION		
Did you file a FAFSA for the current school year?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Are you an international student?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
<i>Please note: international students and/or students who did not complete a FAFSA may be required to provide a supplemental financial statement.</i>		

PART THREE: JUDICIAL INTERNSHIP INFORMATION		
MA Court Department:		
Internship Location:		
Judge Supervisor:		
Judge's Email Address:		
Court Internship Supervisor (if other than above):		
Law School Internship Advisor:		
Advisor's Email:		
Dates of Internship:	Hours/Week:	# of Weeks:

PART FOUR: BRIEF ESSAY QUESTION
<p>Please respond to the following questions in no more than two (2) pages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the factors influencing your decision to seek an internship in the MA courts. • Address specifically what unique skills, experiences, or perspectives you bring to the role. • Discuss how this internship relates to your future professional goals.

By signing this application form, I provide consent for my law school financial aid office to disclose financial eligibility information to the scholarship selection committee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____