ADLER POLLOCK & SHEEHAN DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

A $10,000 scholarship to be awarded to a minority student entering his or her first year of law school who has demonstrated academic excellence and a commitment to community.

OVERVIEW

Adler Pollock & Sheehan (AP&S) is a full-service law firm with over 25 practice areas and more than 50 attorneys, servicing clients through its offices in Providence, RI, Newport, RI, Boston, MA, and Manchester, NH. With a sophisticated corporate practice and a nationally-recognized litigation department, the firm services clients throughout New England, across the country and around the world. Our diverse client base ranges from publicly-held Fortune 500 and 100 companies to governmental agencies, universities, health care facilities, small businesses and individuals.

From its inception in 1960, Adler Pollock & Sheehan (AP&S) has built the firm on principles of diversity. When all the other firms in town were comprised solely of white, Anglo-Saxon, Protestant males, AP&S was led by attorneys who were of Italian, Jewish, and Irish descent. The firm hired the best attorneys, whatever nationality or gender, a practice that continues today with the firm’s belief in the importance of hiring, retaining, and promoting minority and female attorneys and maintaining a diverse workforce.

As part of its Diversity Plan, the firm has established the AP&S Diversity Scholarship. Each year, AP&S will award a scholarship of $10,000 to a minority student entering his or her first year of law school. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage and assist a needy minority student, who has demonstrated academic excellence and a commitment to the community, to attend law school and successfully enter the practice of law. Through the AP&S Scholarship and other endeavors, AP&S is making a concerted effort to diversify and enrich the firm and the profession.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Member of a diverse group: for example, African American, American Indian, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, Gay/Lesbian, or other minority group

- Entering first year of an ABA accredited law school anywhere in the United States as a full-time student (part-time student applications are not accepted)

- Permanent residence in Massachusetts or Rhode Island

- Strong academic achievement

- Financial need
Desire to work and reside in Massachusetts or Rhode Island upon graduation

Demonstrated commitment to the community

Vision of contributions to the profession and community after graduation

**REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants must submit by **June 1st**:

- A completed AP&S Scholarship Application Form (typed)
- One-page typed essay
- A certified copy of college transcript
- An acceptance letter from an ABA accredited law school and written notice of intention to attend
- A copy of your FAFSA [required for scholarship consideration] and any other financial aid application, as well as any financial aid you have been offered by the law school you will be attending and by any other source
- Copies of your and your parents' federal and state tax returns filed in the most recent year
- Photo ID (i.e. driver’s license, etc)
- Proof of Legal Residency in U.S. (i.e. birth certificate, passport, permanent resident card, etc.)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from persons who are not related to the applicant and who are familiar with the student’s academic achievements, character and commitment to the community.
- The AP&S scholarship is to be used exclusively for law school tuition and related expenses. Recipients will provide an accounting of the use of the scholarship proceeds on or before December 31st of the year that the scholarship was awarded.

**AWARD**

- Scholarship applicants may be interviewed by the AP&S Diversity Committee in order to make final determination on the scholarship award.
- The AP&S Scholarship Award recipient will be notified of the selection on or about **August 15th**.
- Those recipients of the scholarship, who show strong academic achievement during their first year of law school, will be considered for employment as a summer associate at AP&S at any time after their first year of law school. The possibility of a job offer upon graduation will be considered after the completion of the summer internship(s).

**DEADLINE**

Completed applications must be submitted no later than **June 1st** of the year the student will be entering the first year of law school. Application materials should be sent to:

Diversity Committee Chair  
Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C.  
One Citizens Plaza, 8th Floor  
(Fax) 401.751.0604

For more information, contact 401.274.7200 or visit [www.apslaw.com](http://www.apslaw.com).
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APPLICATION FORM

Eligibility: 1) Acceptance at and notice of intention to attend an ABA accredited law school in the United States.
2) Permanent residence in Massachusetts or Rhode Island and legal residence in the United States.
3) Member of a diverse group (for example, African American, American Indian, Hispanic, Asia/Pacific Islander, Gay/Lesbian, or other minority group).

(PLEASE TYPE APPLICATION FORM)

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: __________________________
Last First MI

Present Mailing Address:
Street Apt. #
City State Zip Code

Permanent Mailing Address:
Street Apt. #
City State Zip Code

After what date should the permanent address be used: __________________________

Telephone #:
Home Cell Other

E-mail: __________________________ Fax #: __________________________

Identify diverse group of which you are a member: __________________________

Date residency in MA or RI began: __________. Addresses where you have resided in Massachusetts or Rhode Island (Proof of legal residency in U.S. to be submitted with application):

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- List scholastic or academic honors including scholarships, fellowships, prizes, honor societies, etc.:

- List and briefly describe three non-academic activities which have been important to you:

- Identify the Law School where you have been accepted and intend to attend as a full-time student in the Fall:

### FINANCIAL NEED INFORMATION

- Identify all Financial Aid, Grants, Scholarships, Gifts and other Financial Awards you have or will receive to attend Law School this Fall:

- Explain any special circumstances that might warrant a need for this scholarship that are not contained in your prior responses:
Name and addresses of your parents:

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Were you employed during your academic years as an undergraduate: ________________

Positions Held:

No. of hours per week: Fr. Yr. ___ Soph. Yr. ___ Jr. Yr. ___ Sr. Yr. ___

State your last four positions of full-time employment:

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Has your academic career been interrupted for one or more terms: Yes ____ No ____

In an academic setting, have you been subject to disciplinary sanctions, or are charges pending?

Yes ____ No ____

Have you ever been convicted* of a felony?

Yes ____ No ____

Have you ever been convicted* of a misdemeanor (except drunkenness, simple assault, speeding, minor traffic violations, affray, or disturbing the peace) within the last five years?

Yes ____ No ____

Are any charges pending which, if you were to be convicted, would require your answer to either of the previous two questions to be “yes”?

Yes ____ No ____

(If any answers are “yes”, please provide details):

* Without conviction later being vacated

ESSAY

Please submit a one-page typed essay describing: a) your reasons for studying law and your plans and goals upon graduation from law school; b) your professional goals including how you intend to contribute to the community; c) your thoughts as to whether diversity is a journey or a destination.
RECOMMENDATIONS

Two (2) letters of recommendation must be submitted with this application. List the names of the two people submitting recommendations:

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information I have provided on this Application Form and in any attached materials is true and complete.

Applicant Signature

Date

Return completed application and requisite materials by June 1st to:

Diversity Committee Chair
Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C.
One Citizens Plaza, 8th Floor
Providence, RI 02903
diversitycomm@aplaw.com or FAX: 617.482.0604

Please include the following to complete your application:

- One-page typed essay
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Note: This application and supporting material must be received by June 1st. After the due date, please inform the firm of any supplemental information you receive from law schools or elsewhere concerning acceptance and/or financial aid packages awarded to you. Notification of the scholarship award decision will be made by August 15th.