

GREENSPOON MARDER DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

Requirements for Eligibility:

To be eligible to receive a Greenspoon Marder Diversity Scholarship, an applicant must meet *all* of the following requirements:

1. The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time law student in the fall academic semester at one of the following law schools: The University of Florida Levin College of Law, Florida State University College of Law, Stetson University College of Law, Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center, St. Thomas University School of Law, Florida Coastal School of Law, Florida International University College of Law, Howard University College of Law, Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law. The applicant must be categorized as a second-year law student. Students who began in the spring of the prior semester, and who have completed two semesters of law school (spring and summer), will be treated as second-year students.
2. At the time of submission of the application, the applicant must have achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.6 (on a 4.0 grading scale) as of the most recent completed semester.
3. The applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States of America. Students who are citizens and residents of a foreign country, even if they plan to attend law school in the United States, are not eligible to apply.
4. Students who do not enroll in the spring following the semester in which the scholarship is given, or who leave law school after being admitted, will be required to return all or a proportional amount of scholarship funds.

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Application Requirements:

1. Application Form. Each applicant must complete the attached application form.

Please note: the financial information is optional. If you elect to include your financial information: You must attach copies of federal income tax forms for yourself, and your parents if you receive any financial support from your parents. Please indicate in the appropriate section of the application if you or your parents are not required to complete federal income tax forms. Each applicant is responsible for notifying the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Inc. in writing of any changes that may have an effect on his or her financial status.

2. Personal Statement. Your personal statement is your opportunity to include information that the application form does not convey and that you feel will assist us in reaching a thoughtful decision on your application. Examples of such information include a description of your personal strengths, your contributions through community service, a description of any special or unusual circumstances that may have affected your academic performance, or your personal and family history of educational or socio-economic disadvantage. While this list is not all-inclusive, we offer it for you to consider the types of information that may be useful in evaluating your application. Please limit your personal statement to 1,000 words and use only one side of the paper. Font size must be at least 11 point.

3. Recommendations. Each applicant must submit two recommendations, at least one of which should be from a professor. No more than four recommendations will be considered. Recommendation letters are particularly useful when the writer provides substantive, comparative information about the applicant's abilities, activities and personal qualities, including specific examples that illustrate these attributes.

The recommenders should return their letters to you in sealed, signed envelopes, to be included with your application. If your law school maintains a central file of recommendations, that office may place copies of the recommendations in a sealed envelope signed by an authorized person in that office. *The recommendations must be submitted with the application.*

4. Transcript. Each applicant must submit an official copy of his or her transcript from his or her undergraduate institution and law school.

5. Additional information. Please do not send any collateral materials such as photos, articles, resumes, etc. outside of those required above. Please do not insert the scholarship application in any type of binder, folder or binding.

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APPLICATION DATA

I. PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

Name: Mr. Ms. Dr. _____
(circle one) Last First Middle Initial
Male _____ Female _____

Present Address: _____
Street _____
City State Zip Code
Dates to use present address: _____

Permanent Address: _____
Street _____
City State Zip Code
Dates to use permanent address: _____

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____
City State Zip Code

Telephone: (____) _____ (____) _____
Primary Secondary

E-Mail Address(es): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____
Month/Day/Year

Citizenship: _____ United States _____ Permanent Resident

If a permanent resident, how long have you lived in the United States? _____
Alien #: _____

Optional: The mission of the Greenspoon Marder Diversity Scholarship Fund is to encourage minority students and or groups that are traditionally underrepresented in the legal profession, to attend law school and provide financial assistance to these students. *Please indicate here any such groups in which you would include yourself:*

You are strongly encouraged to attach a brief statement describing aspects of this identity that are relevant to your application, such as personal and family background, community service activities or other connections to your race or ethnicity. Please limit your statement to 1,000 words.

II. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Undergraduate and Graduate Education

Undergraduate Institutions	City and State	Degree	Date Degree Awarded or Expected	Major	GPA

Graduate Institutions	City and State	Degree	Date Degree Awarded or Expected	Major	GPA

Score on LSAT: _____

Honors and Awards

Please list the honors and awards you have received during your graduate and undergraduate studies (academic and non-academic). Please use the space provided. You may continue the description on an additional page following the same format. Do not refer to a separate attachment or resume.

III. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please detail extracurricular activities in which you have been significantly involved during the last 5 years, and describe your participation or offices held. If you do not have significant extracurricular activity, you may choose to attach an optional brief statement explaining why there is minimal extracurricular activity.

Activity	Years	Involved Special Awards, Leadership Roles

IV. COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please detail community service activities in which you have participated. You are encouraged to discuss these activities and your contribution to the activities in your personal statement.

Activity	Years	Involved Special Awards, Leadership Roles

V. PERSONAL

Please answer the following:

- Yes No Have you been placed on academic probation or been required to withdraw from any school for academic reasons?
- Yes No Have you ever been the subject of any disciplinary action taken by any school or college, or are charges pending?
- Yes No Have your undergraduate or graduate courses been interrupted for one or more terms for any reason?
- Yes No Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? Or is any charge pending against you for any crime other than a minor traffic violation?
- Yes No Have you been separated from a branch of the armed forces of the United States under conditions other than honorable?

If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, please explain fully in a separate statement.

Recommendation Letters

You must submit at least two, but no more than four, letters of recommendation with your application. Please provide the names of the persons submitting recommendations on your behalf. Include each person's affiliation to you, e.g., "professor" or "employer":

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

This application will not be considered unless these recommendations are attached.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ask these references to submit a short (one page only) letter giving their opinion of the applicant's character, strengths, weaknesses, abilities and other information that would help the Committee make its decision. The reference should state his/her relationship to the applicant. **Please submit your recommendation letters with your application in a sealed envelope. Do not have your recommendation letters mailed separately.**

VI. EMPLOYMENT

Full-Time Employment

Please list your last five positions of full-time employment and military service, starting with most recent employment. (List employment during the school year below.)

Date From	Date To	Position	Name and Location of Employer	Reason for Leaving

Part-Time and Term-Time Employment

Please list positions of employment you held as an undergraduate or graduate student during the academic year, starting with most recent employment.

Date From	Date To	Position	Name and Location of Employer	Reason for Leaving

VII. OPTIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Marital Status: _____ Single _____ Separated/Divorced _____ Married

Do you have legal dependents other than a spouse? _____ Yes _____ No

How many people live in your household? _____ Adults _____ Children

Are you the first person in your family to attend college? _____ Yes _____ No

Are you the first person in your immediate family to attend graduate school? _____ Yes _____ No

What are your current, major sources of income?

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| _____ Alimony/Child Support | _____ Social Security |
| _____ Employment | _____ Spouse - Partner |
| _____ Public Assistance | _____ Unemployment |
| _____ Self Employed | _____ Other (please explain) |

Current employment

Student

Spouse/partner

Weekly earnings: \$ _____ \$ _____

Expected annual income: \$ _____ \$ _____

	Employer	Position	No. of Weeks Employed	Weekly Income
Summer				
Upcoming Academic Year				

Please fill in income, expense and asset data for the previous, and enclose a complete signed copy of your **CURRENT IRS TAX RETURN** (Form 1040).

1. Adjusted gross income..... \$ _____
 earned income..... \$ _____
 interest/dividend income.....\$ _____
2. Total U.S. income tax paid..... \$ _____
3. Income earned by others living in your household... \$ _____
4. Non-taxable income: Social Security Benefits,
 Child Support, Alimony, Public Assistance, other \$ _____

Student's Asset Information

Please complete the following asset information for the student (and spouse, if applicable). Please refer to the section at the end titled "Special Circumstances," if you wish to provide additional information for any item.

Cash, savings, checking accounts: \$ _____

Home: _____

 Own Monthly mortgage payment: \$ _____

 Current principal balance: \$ _____

 Rent Monthly rent payment: \$ _____

Other real estate (explain): \$ _____

Business (explain): \$ _____

Stocks, bonds and other investments (explain): \$ _____

Trust funds of which student/spouse is beneficiary: \$ _____

Retirement accounts: \$ _____

Estimated Expenses

Please use school data or information from your financial aid package. Budget should be for one full year of expenses and resources). *THIS SECTION IS VERY IMPORTANT TO SHOW HOW YOU PLAN TO FINANCE YOUR EDUCATION.

BUDGET for the period from _____ to _____

<u>Estimated Annual Expenses</u>	<u>Estimated Annual Resources</u>
Tuition & Fees \$ _____ <small>(credit hour costs & fees)</small>	Family/Friends \$ _____
Books & Supplies \$ _____	Student contribution \$ _____
Room & Board \$ _____	V.A. or S.S. Benefits \$ _____
Personal Expenses \$ _____	Loans \$ _____
Transportation \$ _____	Other Financial Aid \$ _____ <small>(Work Study, etc.)</small>
Child Care \$ _____	Other Awards \$ _____
Other (list) \$ _____	Other Resources (list) \$ _____
TOTAL BUDGET: \$ _____	TOTAL RESOURCES \$ _____

VIII. CERTIFICATION

_____ I am NOT a relative of any donors who have established a Community Foundation scholarship fund.

_____ The information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I will inform the Community Foundation of any changes which might occur in this information. I understand that providing false, misleading or incomplete information will be the basis for denial or revocation of scholarship funds.

_____ By signing this application I authorize the Community Foundation to verify any information provided herein and I authorize the Community Foundation to contact present and former employers and references for information pertaining to this application. I hereby agree to provide proof of the information that I have given on this application form, including a copy of my U.S. income tax return. I understand that failure to provide such proof may result in denial of scholarship funds.

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

RELEASE FORM

Greenspoon Marder Diversity Scholarship

This is to confirm that the undersigned has applied for a scholarship grant from the Greenspoon Marder Diversity Scholarship Program.

As consideration for such grant and for the opportunity to participate in the Greenspoon Marder Diversity Scholarship Program, you hereby grant to the Community Foundation and Greenspoon Marder the right to use in all media, your name and voice, and, if we so choose, your photograph, biography and excerpts from your scholarship application, in connection with the Greenspoon Marder Diversity Scholarship, publicity about the program, newsletters, brochures and other materials.

If the foregoing terms are satisfactory, please sign and date this agreement below and return it with your application. Execution of this Agreement does not obligate Greenspoon Marder or the Community Foundation to select you as a scholarship recipient, nor to publish your information or other materials.

I hereby consent to the use of information about myself and my application, as stated and described herein, and agree with the provisions of this release form:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: (typed or printed) _____

Permanent Address: _____

CHECKLIST FOR COMPLETE APPLICATION

(Please make sure you have completed the following:)

- _____ Completed all pertinent areas of this application.
- _____ Signed the certification (VIII).
- _____ Supplied recommendation letters.
- _____ Enclosed undergraduate transcript.
- _____ Enclosed CURRENT IRS TAX RETURN if applicable.
- _____ Postmarked by the August 1st deadline. (Faxed applications will not be accepted.)

Please return completed application to (postmarked no later than August 1st)
The Community Foundation of Sarasota County
P.O. Box 49587
Sarasota, FL 34230-6587

For further information please contact:

**Earl Young, Grant & Scholarship Coordinator
The Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Inc.
(941) 556-7114**

earl@cfsarasota.org
www.sarasota-foundation.org

Please return completed applications to:

**Mailing Address: P.O. Box 49587, Sarasota, FL 34230-6587
Location Address: 2635 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL 34237**

**Please be careful to apply the CORRECT POSTAGE.
Failure to do so will result in your application being returned.
THANK YOU.**