

CCBA Foundation



COOK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

19 South LaSalle Street · Suite 702 · Chicago, Illinois 60603
ccbafoundation@gmail.com

Lawyers Giving Back

4. Essay

Founded in 1914, the Cook County Bar Association is the oldest association of African-American lawyers and judges in the United States. For 101 years, the CCBA has been actively engaged in community service and outreach. Keeping in mind the tremendous legacy that precedes you, respond to the following:

This is a pivotal time for race relations in America, with unprecedented amount of local activism—often extralegal—taking place all across the country to address inequalities in the criminal justice system. However, a prerequisite to becoming an attorney is swearing an oath to uphold the law.

- 1. Is there a tension between an attorney's oath and his or her desire to support social justice movements?*
- 2. What is the role of the Black attorney in today's movement?*
- 3. Explain how you have responded to the call for justice that has captured Chicago in recent months.*

Attach your typed, written response and include it as part of your final application. The suggested limit is five pages.

5. Application Deadline

ALL applications must be **received** by Friday, February 12, 2016. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Scholarship recipients will be announced at our Black History Awards Reception on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

6. Submitting Application

A completed application will include (1) Applicant Information Form, (2) Resume, and (3) Essay.

Completed applications may be submitted via email to ccbafoundation@gmail.com or via U.S. mail to CCBA Scholarship Committee, 19 South LaSalle Street, Suite 702, Chicago, IL 60603.

Best of Luck!