NALS of Michigan
Scholarship 2017-2018
AWARD RULES AND REGULATIONS

NALS of Michigan Scholarship Fund shall present one (1) $1,000 non-renewable tuition/books-only scholarships available to those enrolled in a school of advanced education in the legal field. The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of scholastic or legal career achievements, future career goals, demonstration of financial need and leadership ability. The scholarship award may be granted to any qualified applicant in the legal field.

The candidate must:

1. Be a high school senior or enrolled in a school of advanced education (including the current school year).

2. Be a resident of Michigan and be enrolling in a Michigan school of advanced education in the legal field.

3. Have at least a B average, or if percentile system is used, not below 90 percent.

4. Be in need of financial assistance.

5. Be able to enroll in the fall term (2017). Candidates nominated in prior years who meet current qualifications are eligible for renomination.

The application and all required attachments must be submitted on the forms provided to the NALS of Michigan Scholarship Fund Chairman and must be postmarked no later than January 15, 2018. Any application postmarked after that date will be disqualified. One educator, one judge or attorney, and one civil leader shall select not less than three, nor more than five, finalists from the entries submitted. The winner will be chosen from the list of finalist by member vote at the annual meeting and educational conference of NALS of Michigan on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Prior to submitting the application to the judges, the NALS of Michigan Scholarship Fund Chairman shall remove from each application all identification of the applicant and assign a number to each application. The NALS of Michigan Scholarship Fund Chairman shall retain in sealed envelopes bearing corresponding numbers the identity of the candidates until the final decision has been made. The winner will be immediately notified to enable him/her to make arrangements for his/her ensuing school term. In the event the winner does not accept the scholarship award, the scholarship shall be awarded to the next highest candidate in order. The scholarship winner must notify the Chairman of a final decision regarding enrollment no later than August 30, 2018. Should the winner not enroll in the ensuing term in school, thereby forfeiting the award, it shall be presented to the first runner-up. The scholarship monetary award shall be paid directly to the school of the winner's choice for enrollment in the ensuing term in school. Any scholarship award must be used in full within one year from the date of the written notification to the winning candidate of his/her selection as a winner.

Any unused scholarship award, or portion thereof, shall be refunded by the school to the NALS of Michigan Scholarship Fund by June 1 of the year following the presentation of the award.

THE NALS OF MICHIGAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED AND RETURNED TO THE CHAIRMAN POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15, 2018.

1. An official transcript of grades.

2. A one-page letter of recommendation from the applicant's current major teacher or counselor, addressed to NALS of Michigan Scholarship Fund, stating:

    a. Applicant's activity and leadership record;
    b. A description of applicant's personal traits, character, drive, home background and brief statement of financial need;
    and
    c. Reasons the applicant should be awarded this scholarship.

3. One additional letter of recommendation from someone other than a member of the applicant's family, such as an employer, teacher, pastor or friend, may be submitted if applicant so desires, but is not required.

4. A one-page autobiographical statement prepared by the applicant, showing the date of birth, school attended, employment, school and outside activities, accomplishments, family background, hobbies and a brief description of applicant’s goals and desires, including the name of the college the applicant will be attending and their major.