Diversity Scholarship
Submission Requirements

» Completed Application
» Cover Letter
» Resume
» Legal Writing Sample
» Undergraduate and Graduate transcripts
» Personal statement of 500 words or less regarding commitment to diversity and inclusion, desire to pursue a career as a civil trial attorney, and interest in McKool Smith

Please apply online here.

Deadline: January 31, 2022

Scholarship applicants must be current first or second-year law school students enrolled at an ABA-accredited law school who are students of color, members of the LGBTQ+, persons with a disability, or veteran communities, or whose background or experience would otherwise contribute to the diversity of the legal profession. Applicants should not be a recipient of a diversity award or scholarship from another law firm.
McKool Smith Diversity Scholarships

McKool Smith is the proud home of a team of top-notch lawyers who, without limitation, celebrate diversity and the creativity and innovation it promotes. The firm understands the value of collaboration among lawyers with a range of backgrounds and experiences and the synergies gained by drawing from a variety of perspectives. Our commitment to hiring and retaining a diverse team enables us to provide superior service to our clients in a workplace where elite trial attorneys attain the highest level of professional satisfaction. Diversity is a core value and a force multiplier. Study after study has shown that diverse teams perform better, irrespective of industry or geography. Diverse companies attract top talent, enjoy greater employee retention, and elevate decision making and customer service to achieve better results. It’s how you win.

As part of our continued commitment, we are awarding Diversity Scholarships to support outstanding diverse law students.

- **$30,000**
  - on starting as a 1L summer (if applicable)

- **$10,000**
  - after successful completion of 1L summer (if applicable) and on starting as a 2L summer

- **$10,000**
  - after successful completion of 2L summer and on starting as an associate
About McKool Smith

With more than 150 trial lawyers across offices in Austin, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Marshall, and New York, McKool Smith has established a reputation as one of America’s leading trial firms. Since 2006, the firm has secured 11 nine-figure jury verdicts, and 14 eight-figure jury verdicts. The firm has also won more VerdictSearch and The National Law Journal “Top 100 Verdicts” over the last ten years than any other law firm in the country.

Courtroom successes like these have earned McKool Smith critical acclaim and helped the firm become what The Wall Street Journal describes as “one of the biggest law firm success stories of the past decade.” McKool Smith represents clients in intellectual property, complex commercial litigation, insurance recovery, bankruptcy, and white collar defense matters.

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