

2026 OACTA Foundation Hilary S. Taylor Law Student Inclusion & Equity Scholarship Program



The Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (OACTA) Law Student Inclusion & Equity scholarship program is open to the following incoming second and third year law students who are enrolled in an Ohio law school or are permanent Ohio residents including, but not limited to, Minority law students; LGBTQIA+ law students regardless of race or ethnicity; female law students, regardless of race or ethnicity; law students with disabilities, regardless of race or ethnicity; law students from economically impoverished families/backgrounds, regardless of race or ethnicity; and law students from geographically disadvantaged communities, regardless of race or ethnicity. Previous selection for an OACTA Law Student Scholarship does not disqualify an applicant from subsequent selection.

The criteria include academic achievements; service to the community and to the cause of inclusion and equity; and experience or interest in a civil defense practice. The Scholarship Committee will not provide an advantage or disadvantage to an applicant because the applicant identifies with one of the listed identifiers or categories. Rather, successful applications will address the academic and professional accomplishments of the applicant and explain how the student's background and/or life experiences provide the student with an ability to successfully contribute to the diversity of the legal profession.

Up to three (3) scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each will be awarded to successful applicants. Applicants are required to submit an application, law school transcript and a cover letter addressing the following: academic, personal and professional accomplishments, and why they should be selected as a recipient of the scholarship. Applicants must also submit at least one letter of recommendation but may submit a total of three. Applications must be submitted online with a cover letter. Transcripts and letter of recommendation may be mailed to the OACTA office.

The completed application and all other requested material must be received by **June 15, 2026**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Scholarship recipients will be announced in July and recognized at the OACTA Annual Meeting in December. Funding is provided by the OACTA Foundation.

OACTA believes that a diverse membership makes a stronger organization. OACTA encourages inclusion and equity in all aspects of its activities and is committed to nurturing a culture that supports and promotes it.

For more information or to complete an application, visit www.oacta.org.