

## **2025 NBLSA Nelson Mandela Pre-Law Scholarship**

**Application Deadline:** March 01, 2025

### **PURPOSE:**

The scholarship's namesake is the famed South African civil rights activities and political leader. Mr. Mandela has dedicated his life to liberating the people of South Africa from the oppressive hands of apartheid and segregation. The liberation efforts of Mr. Mandela are an inspiration to the members of NBLSA, which is why we choose to award this scholarship in his name. NBLSA takes great pride in the spirit of Mr. Mandela's efforts to improve the state of affairs of Black people in South Africa.

### **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:**

The scholarship is awarded to eight (8) African-American college students/graduates who plan to enter law school in the United States in the Fall of 2025 and who will be first year law students.

A \$1000 monetary award and a certificate will be given to each student. The scholarship will provide financial support for the award and a certificate will be given to each student. The scholarship will provide financial support for those whose financial condition is minimal. The scholarship can be used by the student in whatever capacity needed.. Applicants must write a proposal addressing the issue raised by the essay question:

### **ESSAY QUESTION:**

Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." As a future lawyer, how do you plan to leverage your legal education and skills to drive meaningful change and uplift marginalized communities?

The winning essay will be chosen based on the depth of your personal narrative, the clarity of your vision for using the law to drive change, and the authenticity of your commitment to honoring the legacy of Nelson Mandela. We encourage you to write a compelling and thoughtful response that showcases your potential to be a transformative leader in the legal field. The winning essay will be chosen on content, grammar and style. The essay must be the completed product of the entrant. The proposal must be between 500 and 1000 words, typed, and double-spaced.

### **CRITERIA:**

- 1) A copy of your essay (between 500 and 1000 words).
- 2) A resume
- 3) A transcript from all institutions attended.
- 4) Must submit verification of acceptance to law school for the Fall 2025.
- 5) Must include community service, future career plans, and extracurricular activities.
- 6) Attend the NBLSA Pre-Law Symposium on **March 14th, in Atlanta, GA.**
- 7) An E-mail address where the scholarship committee may contact you.

### **SELECTION PROCESS:**

Members of the NBLSA Pre-Law Division shall select the scholarship recipients. All proposals must be emailed to prelaw@nblsa.org on or before Saturday, March 01, 2025. All recipients will be notified via e-mail if they have received the award and will be required to attend the National Convention in Atlanta, GA at the recipient's expense.