

Nelson Mullins

2021 Diversity Scholarship Program

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP is pleased to announce its 2021 Diversity Scholarship Program for law students committed to supporting diversity in the legal profession.

Primarily designed to increase the number of diverse law students interested in summer and long-term employment with Nelson Mullins, the scholarship program fits squarely into the Firm's commitment to inclusive excellence and robust diversity in all aspects of Firm life.

Awardees will receive a \$10,000 scholarship and a salaried summer associate position at one of the Firm's 25 offices. (Placement will be determined on a case-by-case basis.) The scholarship may be used toward law school tuition, fees and selected school-related costs such as books and course materials. Up to three scholarships will be awarded for the summer associate class of 2021.

This merit based program is open to 2L students in a full-time JD program (with expected graduation in 2022). Applicants are considered across several factors, including:

- Academic achievement at an ABA accredited law school
- Commitment to diversity within the legal profession
- Excellent writing, research, and interpersonal skills (including an ability to work in and lead diverse groups, recognize and understand multiple perspectives, and promote collaboration)
- Not a recipient of a similar diversity award from another law firm for the same time period
- Commitment to spend at least eight weeks with the firm as a summer associate

The factors considered in the selection of the award recipient include a focus on a wide array of student backgrounds, characteristics and life experiences — including those associated with race, gender, age, ethnicity/national origin, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, marital/parental status and more. We also consider issues of diversity that may be reflected in beliefs among prospective student awardees— whether political, economic, social, or philosophical.

The selection process coincides with Nelson Mullins' regular summer associate recruiting process. Awardees will be chosen by the Scholarship Selection Committee and will receive the scholarship award following successful completion of the Firm's 2021 summer associate program.

Interested applicants should upload a statement of interest (less than 500 words), a current resume and a current law school transcript, along with a list of two academic or professional references, to diversityscholarship@nelsonmullins.com. Please put in the subject line "Diversity Scholarship Application – NAME".

Submissions will be accepted July 27, 2020 to March 1, 2021.

The Firm offers qualified 2L students who are selected a **\$10,000 scholarship and a salaried summer associate position.**