

Scholarship Application Information and Application Form

Larry L. Deskins Scholarships

In honor of Larry Deskins' contributions to the legal profession and to Lewis Rice, our firm awards annually \$7,500 scholarships to two first-year law students. The scholarships are credited toward tuition and expenses in the Fall academic term of each awardee's second year of law school, and the awardees are featured on Lewis Rice's website and in other publications, as determined by Lewis Rice.

Student submissions will be accepted between November 1, 2021 and January 21, 2022. Award decisions will be communicated to the awardees by March 31, 2022. Scholarship funds will be disbursed in the Fall 2022 academic term.

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive the Larry L. Deskins Scholarship, an applicant must meet each of the following requirements:

- Must be enrolled as a first-year law school student in good standing at one of the following institutions:
 - Washington University School of Law
 - Saint Louis University School of Law
 - University of Missouri School of Law
- Must be from an economically disadvantaged and/or underrepresented group in the legal profession.
- Must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident, or otherwise be able to work in the U.S. without limit as to duration or the need for immigration sponsorship.

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How to Apply

Applications should be e-mailed to careers@lewisrice.com to the attention of the Scholarship Subcommittee. To be considered, applications must include the following:

1. **Completed Scholarship Application Form**
2. **Essay:** No more than 750 words regarding personal challenges confronting the student on his/her/their path to law school and describing how being a student from an economically disadvantaged and/or underrepresented group contributed to those challenges.
3. **Undergraduate and Law School Transcripts:** Copy of applicant's undergraduate and law school transcripts. (This can be supplemented to the extent the applicant's law school transcripts are unavailable at the time of submission.)
4. **Letters of Recommendation:** Two (2) letters of recommendation from a professor, employer or other appropriate person, which can be included with the application submission or e-mailed separately to careers@lewisrice.com.
5. **Resume:** Please limit to one page.

Scholarship Application Form

(Submit pages 3-5 with your application)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Law School: _____

Please explain in 100 words or less how you meet the scholarship eligibility requirement as a member of an economically disadvantaged and/or underrepresented group in the legal profession.

Please provide the source(s) of funding for your law school education, including percentage for each source:

- Financial Aid: ___%
- Scholarship(s): ___%
- Loan(s): ___%
- Other (i.e. job, family, etc.): ___%

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Please explain how you heard about the Larry L. Deskins Scholarship.

If awarded a scholarship by Lewis Rice, the firm has permission to publish my name and photo on its website and social media channels:

Yes

No

Voluntary Disclosure – Optional Information*

**Your response to the below questions is voluntary and in no way required*

Lewis Rice has always been, and will continue to be, a firm that values diversity. We are committed to maintaining an inclusive work environment, where individuals are rewarded based on talent and performance, regardless of race, gender, age, handicap, religion, ethnicity, socioeconomic background, or sexual orientation. This approach allows us the ability to provide our clients with the most comprehensive legal representation possible. The visionary perspectives upon which our founders built our Firm led to the forward-thinking, stable, and successful law firm we enjoy today.

Lewis Rice is committed to directing material change within the Firm, in our community, and in the legal profession through hiring programs, training and development, relationship building, incentive programs, and more. In accordance with the Firm's diversity and inclusion initiatives, we invite you to self-identify your gender identity and ethnicity. Completion of this form is voluntary and will not in any way affect your chances of receiving a scholarship.

Gender Identity:

(Please check one of the options below)

Female

Male

Non-binary

Prefer not to say

Other

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RACE/ETHNICITY:

(Please check one of the descriptions below corresponding to the ethnic group with which you identify.)

Hispanic or Latino: A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.

White (Not Hispanic or Latino): A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa.

Black or African American (Not Hispanic or Latino): A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (Not Hispanic or Latino): A person having origins in any of the peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands.

Asian (Not Hispanic or Latino): A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia or the Indian Subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.

Native American or Alaska Native (Not Hispanic or Latino): A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

___ Two or more races (Not Hispanic or Latino): All persons who identify with more than one of the above five races.

___ I do not wish to disclose.