



HON. EUGENE H. GADSDEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

PURPOSE:

The Savannah 100 Foundation's Hon. Eugene H. Gadsden Scholarship memorializes the legal acumen and civic leadership of the late Judge Eugene H. Gadsden, Savannah's first African-American jurist. The Gadsden scholarship aims to increase the pool of attorneys who are committed to use the law to achieve equality and social justice and to make a difference in their communities.

CRITERIA:

The Gadsden scholarship provides financial and mentoring support to promising high school and college students *who (i) have participated in legal mentoring programs OR (ii) have the recommendation of his or her teacher or school counselor, have demonstrated community leadership, and a commitment to pursue a career in law.*

Criteria for selection as a Gadsden Scholar include, but are not limited to (i) scholarship, (ii) commitment to community improvement, and (iii) need. Gadsden Scholars must be enrolled fulltime in an accredited post-secondary institution in the forthcoming school year. Current Gadsden Scholars who wish to renew their scholarship must re-apply each year.

AMOUNT: \$1,000 - \$2,000

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. A cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.

2. Certified copy of the applicant's current academic transcript
3. Two letters of reference, attesting to the applicant's (i) character, (ii) community service and/or leadership, and (iii) interest in pursuing a career in law from a (i) school counselor or faculty member; (ii) an attorney or judge, or (iii) a non-family member or friend.
4. Documentation of least 25 hours of community service or leadership activity in the preceding 12 months.
5. A 500-word essay on the applicant's interest in pursuing a legal career AND (i) identifying an attorney who has made a lasting impact by using the law to achieve social change OR (ii) discussing a current social or legal issue and how, as an attorney, the applicant might address that issue. Examples: cash bail bonds, school safety, voter suppression, policies and/or practices that contribute to mass incarceration.
6. Certification that the applicant has applied to the 100 Black Men of America's Scholarship Program.
7. A passport-size head & shoulder photograph of the applicant.

A personal interview may be required. Applicants are strongly advised to be prepared to discuss a book of their own choosing, on a contemporary social issue.

QUESTIONS:

Scholarship@Savannah100Foundation.org

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

February 28, 2021

APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

Submit your entire completed application packet (including each of the seven documents noted above). *Incomplete application packets will not be considered.* .

to:

Savannah 100 Foundation, Inc.
Attention: Scholarship Committee
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Savannah, GA 31416-5001