

ALEXANDER G. GRAY, JR. SCHOLARSHIP: 2024 APPLICATION FORM

To be **eligible** to receive the Alexander G. Gray, Jr., Scholarship Award, a candidate must:

- 1. Be enrolled as a second-, third-, or fourth-year law student, or the part-time equivalent, during the 2023-2024 academic year and be in good standing at a law school in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;
- 2. Attest that you have spent at least \$5,000 for financial costs directly related to enrollment in law school; and
- 3. Be a current student member of the Mass. LGBTQ Bar Association, or, if not already a member, apply for student membership. There is no cost for student membership. Membership applications must be submitted separately online at www.masslgbtqbar.org.

Applicants for the Alexander G. Gray, Jr., Scholarship Award must submit the following:

- 1. Completed Application in PDF or Word
- 2. One letter of recommendation written by a person not related to the candidate, preferably a professor, employer, or work colleague, that addresses the candidate's eligibility for the Gray Scholarship, including community service, leadership, maturity and responsibility, as well as other qualifications to receive the award;
- 3. Law school transcript (unofficial is acceptable); and
- 4. Resume or CV.

All of the above required materials must be submitted in PDF format as an email attachment to administrator@masslgbtqbar.org by <u>April 12, 2024, 11:59 P.M.</u>.

The recipient of the scholarship will be selected by the Board of Directors of the Mass. LGBTQ Bar, upon the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee.

Officers and voting directors of the Mass. LGBTQ Bar and members of the Scholarship Committee, and their immediate family members, are ineligible for the Scholarship.

All application materials submitted will become the property of the Mass. LGBTQ Bar Association.



I. <u>BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION</u>

a)	Name:						
b)	Pronouns:						
c)	Address:						
d)	Telephone:						
e)	E-mail:						
f)	Law School:						
	(Eligible applicants must be enrolled as a second, third, or fourth year law student, or the part-time equivalent, for the 2023-2024 school year.)						
g)	I am enrolled: Full-time Part-time						
h)	Expected year of law school graduation:						
i)	Are you a member of the Massachusetts LGBTQ Bar?	Yes	No				
i)	If you answered yes to the above, what date did you join?						



II. SHORT ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please limit your answers to two paragraphs (approximately 250 words).

a)	What led to	your decision	to attend law	school?
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b) What do you think is one of the most pressing issues that the LGBTQ+ community faces today? What is one initiative that you support, or would like to see implemented, that addresses this issue?

c) As a future lawyer, how do you think you can best contribute to the LGBTQ+ community?



III. ADDITIONAL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Please include copies of each of the following with your application form.

- a) Current résumé or curriculum vitae
- b) Law school transcript (Either a scan of your official transcript or an unofficial transcript is acceptable.)
- c) Recommendation letter from a professor, employer, or work colleague (*The letter must be from someone who is not related to you.*). This letter may be sent separately as long as it is sent by the deadline.



IV. <u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CERTIFICATION</u>

I have read and understand the terms and conditions of the Alexander G. Gray, Jr. Scholarship Award. I understand and acknowledge that I must be enrolled at least half-time and in good standing at a law school in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts during the 2023-2024 academic year as a second-, third-, or fourth-year law student, or the part-time equivalent, to be eligible for and receive the award. I understand and acknowledge that I must be a student member in good standing of the Massachusetts LGBTQ Bar Association to be eligible to receive the award. I understand that I am eligible only if I have paid at least \$5,000 for expenses directly related to my enrollment in law school.

I understand and acknowledge that I must comply with all the stated terms and conditions of the Scholarship and that my failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the entire Scholarship award. I understand that the officers and voting directors of the Massachusetts LGBTQ Bar Association, members of the Massachusetts LGBTQ Bar Association Scholarship Committee, and their immediate family members, are ineligible for the Scholarship award, and I hereby certify that I am not ineligible for the Scholarship for the foregoing reasons.

I understand that all materials submitted to the Massachusetts LGBTQ Bar Association will become the property of the Massachusetts LGBTQ Bar Association, which will handle submissions with discretion, but which reserves the right to issue public announcements regarding the winner of the Scholarship award and to publish the winner's essays and/or other information about the winner. If selected for the award, and if I desire to preserve privacy with respect to information I shared that may be personal in nature, I will promptly so notify the chair of the Scholarship Committee in writing, and the Massachusetts LGBTQ Bar Association will respect that request.

I certify that all of the information submitted with and all of the statements made in this application or in any document attached hereto are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge as of the date signed below. I certify that the essays attached hereto were written solely by me and are my original work, unedited by any third party.

If awarded the Alexander G. Gray, Jr. Scholarship Award, I agree to participate in the Massachusetts LGBTQ Bar Association's annual Garden Party on June 6, 2024 either by being present or by providing materials.

Signature	Date	
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