

**THE LOUIS L. REDDING SCHOLARSHIP**

In 2015, The Delaware Barristers Association established the Louis L. Redding Scholarship to honor the legacy of Louis L. Redding, a prominent Delawarean, lawyer, civil rights advocate, and the first African-American to be admitted to the Delaware Bar. Mr. Redding was also an instrumental part of the legal team that successfully challenged school segregation before the United States Supreme Court in *Brown v. Board of Education*, 347 U.S. 483 (1954). This scholarship is designed to support aspiring Delaware attorneys by covering the Delaware Bar application filing fee and related expenses, as well as the costs of a Delaware Bar Review Course with scholarship awards of up to \$5,000 in total.

The Louis L. Redding Scholarship is open to third-year law students from historically underrepresented backgrounds who are currently enrolled in an ABA- accredited law school, and intend to practice law in Delaware and sit for the Delaware Bar Examination in the summer of 2027.

To be eligible, applicants must be in good academic standing at their law school and provide the following:

- An official law school transcript;
- One letter of recommendation;
- A current resume;
- A financial statement that details current sources of income and debt;
- A brief personal statement (500 words or less) describing why the applicant has chosen to practice in Delaware and any connections the applicant has to the State; and
- A 1500-2000 word essay that addresses the impact of Louis L. Redding's legacy on the legal profession, civil rights, and society today.

**Applications and all required materials must be submitted electronically no later than November 8, 2026. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. No exceptions will be made.**

*Eligibility and selection decisions are at the sole discretion of The Delaware Barristers Association and are not guaranteed. Submission of an application does not guarantee receipt of a scholarship award. Decisions of the selection committee are final and are not subject to appeal.*

Each applicant selected by the Delaware Barristers Association as Redding Scholar will be paired with a mentor and required to complete the following program requirements:

- Attend two (2) workshops on legal and/or bar-related topics. Each workshop will not exceed four (4) hours.
- Attend one (1) Delaware Barristers Association general body meeting; and
- Attend one (1) Delaware Barristers Association program or event.

Upon successful completion of these requirements, the recipient will receive the scholarship award.

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| <b>Name</b>                      | <b>Date of Birth</b>                      |
| <b>Current Address</b>           | <b>Permanent Address</b>                  |
| <b>Email Address</b>             | <b>Phone Number</b>                       |
| <b>Law School</b>                | <b>Expected Graduation Date</b>           |
| <b>GPA (if available)</b>        | <b>Class Rank (if available)</b>          |
| <b>Undergraduate Institution</b> | <b>Graduation Date and Degree Awarded</b> |

In addition, please provide:

- An official law school transcript;
- One (1) letter of recommendation;
- A current resume;
- A financial statement that details current sources of income, including any financial assistance, scholarships, or employment offers, as well as current debt obligations.
- A brief personal statement (500 words or less) describing why the applicant has chosen to practice in Delaware and any connections the applicant has to the State; and
- A 1500-2000 word essay that addresses the impact of Louis L. Redding's legacy on the legal profession, civil rights, and society today.

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| <b>Current Sources of Income for Bar Preparation</b> | <b>Anticipated Expenses for Bar Preparation</b> |
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I certify that the information above and attached materials are accurate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applications and all required materials must be electronically submitted to:

The Delaware Barristers Association at [dbaexecboard@gmail.com](mailto:dbaexecboard@gmail.com).

Please note that your application is not complete without all required materials. All application materials must be submitted electronically to the email address listed above. Letters of recommendation must be submitted directly by the recommender, and official law school transcripts must be transmitted electronically by the issuing institution. Materials submitted by an applicant on behalf of a recommender or educational institution will not be accepted. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Applications and all required materials must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. on November 8, 2026.

If selected as a Redding Scholar, the recipient will be required to complete all program requirements, including attendance at two (2) workshops on legal and/or bar-related topics, one (1) Delaware Barristers Association general body meeting, and one (1) Delaware Barristers Association program or event. Upon successful completion of these requirements, the recipient will receive the scholarship award.