



Established in 1948, the **Gate City Bar Association** is the oldest African American Bar Association in the State of Georgia. The Gate City Bar Association was organized by ten African American lawyers to provide the educational, social and community involvement of a professional association for African American lawyers, who had been excluded from participating in the segregated bar associations in Atlanta and throughout the State. The mission of the Gate City Bar Association is to create in the community a practical appreciation for the legal profession; to encourage persons of outstanding promise to attend first rate law schools and return to the communities that need their services most; to oppose arbitrary and capricious laws in our state with all the force and fiber of which we

The Gate City Bar Foundation

2009 Scholarship Application Information Sheet

The **Gate City Bar Foundation Scholarships** are awarded annually to minority law students, in good standing, who are either currently enrolled in a Georgia law school, or who are Georgia residents enrolled in an out-of-state law school. Consistent with the mission of the Gate City Bar, the purpose of the scholarship is to encourage persons of outstanding promise to attend first-rate law schools and return to the communities that need their services most, taking into account the financial need and merit of the law student. The Gate City Bar Foundation's Scholarship Committee is charged with overseeing the administration of the Gate City Bar Foundation Scholarship. The Scholarship Committee will review all applications and notify applicants of the status of their application.

Candidates for a Gate City Bar Foundation Scholarship are analyzed through a two-tier process including an application and associated documentation, as well as a rigorous interview. During this interview, the Scholarship Committee explores the applicant's background, community involvement and other activities or circumstances the candidate believes qualifies him or her for a Gate City Bar Foundation Scholarship.

First year students, in their first semester of law school are not eligible to apply for a Gate City Bar Foundation Scholarship. The Gate City Bar Foundation Scholarship is a one-time award; thus former recipients are ineligible. Previous applicants who meet the requirements but were not selected are welcome to re-apply for the scholarship.

The attached biographical application, including the applicant's personal essay, is used to consider law students for the scholarship.

Completed scholarship applications **must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 23, 2009**, in the Gate City Bar Foundation office located at P.O. Box 1921, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1921. Any questions may be emailed to the Scholarship Committee Chair, Christopher Ward at ceward@southernco.com or calls may be received at (404) 506-4856. *Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.* All applicants selected for an interview will be notified by phone, email, or U.S. Mail to arrange an interview time. The Scholarship Committee will conduct interviews on **Saturday, October 31, 2009, in Atlanta, Georgia**. Applicants will be notified by phone, email, or U.S. Mail of the status of their application.

In addition to the completed application, you must provide an official law school transcript and two letters of recommendation. The author of each letter must identify their relationship to you, how long he or she has known you, and in what capacity. The letter should be addressed to the **Gate City Bar Foundation, Scholarship Committee**. The letters may be attached to your application or the author may send the letters directly to the Gate City Bar Foundation, Scholarship Committee at Gate City Bar Foundation Office located at P.O. Box 1921, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1921. Recommendation letters received after **October 23, 2009, 5:00 p.m.** will not be considered.

Applicants selected to receive a scholarship will be notified on **November 2, 2009**. All Gate City Bar Foundation Scholarship recipients *must be able to attend the Gate City Bar Foundation Hall of Fame Dinner on November 13, 2009 at the Intercontinental Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia*. The scholarship recipients will receive their scholarship and be formally acknowledged at the Gate City Bar Foundation Hall of Fame Dinner.

You may address questions regarding the application or interviews to the Gate City Bar Foundation, Scholarship Committee Chair, Christopher Ward at **404-506-4856** or ceward@southernco.com. For questions regarding the Gate City Bar Foundation please contact www.gatecitybar.org or (404) 724-9611.

2009 Gate City Bar Scholarship Critical Deadlines	
Application Deadline	Friday, October 23, 2009
Finalist Interviews	Saturday, October 31, 2009
Award Notifications	Monday, November 2, 2009
Hall of Fame Dinner	Friday, November 13, 2009

**GATE CITY BAR FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION FORM**

Gate City Bar Foundation
P.O. Box 1921
Atlanta, Georgia 30301
(404) 724-9611
www.gatecitybar.org

1. Name _____ Date _____
Last First Middle
2. Address _____
3. Home Phone _____ Email Address _____
4. Social Security Number _____
5. Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Sex _____
6. Name of Law School _____
7. Address of Law School _____
8. Date Admitted to Law School _____
9. Permanent Address _____
10. Name and Address of Undergraduate Institution, Year Graduated and Degree
Conferred, G.P.A at Time of Graduation

11. Current Law School G.P.A. _____

12. Other Scholarships that you have already been awarded (attach additional sheets if necessary):

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Time Period Covered</u>
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1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

13. List honors or awards that you have received in undergraduate or law school (attach additional sheets if necessary):

1. _____

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14. Extracurricular/Community Activities (School, Religious, Civic, Social Organizations, etc.): (attach additional sheets if necessary):

15. Work Experience: (attach additional sheets if necessary or a current resume)

17. Please provide your estimated 2009-2010 school year financial information.

<u>Estimated Costs</u>		<u>Estimated Resources</u>	
*Tuition - Fee	\$	Scholarship/grants	\$
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Room & Board	\$	Loan- Law School	\$
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Books/Supplies	\$	Earnings	\$
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Transportation	\$	Savings	\$
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Other (please list any Other anticipated costs you may incur)		Assistance	\$
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<hr/>		Other (please list any other anticipated income you may receive)	
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Total	\$ _____	Total	\$ _____

* Your tuition-fee should include the cost for the entire 2009-2010 school year, i.e., two semesters total.

20. I hereby certify that all the information provided herein is accurate, current, and true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I do hereby give the Gate City Bar Foundation, its members, representatives, and assigns my permission to investigate any of the facts contained herein.

Signature

Date

PLEASE ATTACH:

1. An official law school transcript from each law school you have attended.
2. If your law school transcript does not indicate that you are in good standing, please provide a letter of good standing from the law school you are presently attending.
3. If you are a first year student and your law school cannot provide you with a transcript by the time this application is due, you must provide a letter from the law school you are currently attending stating that you are in good standing, that your transcript is not available and the reason it is not available.

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