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## 2025 THLA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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<b>DEADLINE:</b>	<p>The Foundation must receive complete application materials by:</p> <p><b>May 16, 2025 (before 11:59 PM)</b></p>
<b>FORM:</b>	<p>Students should respond to each narrative topic on a separate page and ideally should submit their entire application in a single .pdf document.</p>
<b>EMAIL:</b>	<p>Please e-mail application materials to:</p> <p><a href="mailto:thlafoundation@gmail.com">thlafoundation@gmail.com</a></p> <p><i>(You will receive an email confirming receipt of the application. Please follow-up if you do not receive an email within 2–3 business days.)</i></p>
<b>MAIL:</b>	<p>Alternatively, students may mail applications to:</p> <p>Tom Homann LGBTQ+ Law Foundation 2358 University Avenue PMB 137 San Diego, CA 92104</p> <p><i>(The Foundation must <u>receive</u> applications by the above deadline.)</i></p>
<b>QUESTIONS:</b>	<p>Students should direct questions about the application or process to:</p> <p>Nicholas Fox President, THLA Foundation <a href="mailto:thlafoundation@gmail.com">thlafoundation@gmail.com</a> 920.602.1917</p>

The Tom Homann LGBTQ+ Law Foundation (“Foundation”)—the charitable organization to the Tom Homann LGBTQ+ Law Association (“THLA”)—awards scholarships to deserving, qualified, and eligible law students. Applicants need not identify as LGBTQ+, and allies are encouraged to apply. The Foundation reserves the right to determine the number of scholarship recipients and the respective amount of each scholarship. The Foundation expects to notify scholarship recipients by late March. Recipients are invited to attend THLA’s Annual Awards Dinner on June 26, 2025, where they will be briefly recognized during the program.

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

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To be eligible for a scholarship award, Applicants must:

1. Be a current, paid member of the Tom Homann LGBTQ+ Law Association (“THLA”) as of the date the Foundation receives the Application.  
  
(Students can become members on [THLA’s website](#). The Foundation confirms THLA membership before reviewing any Application. Please contact [info@thla.org](mailto:info@thla.org), or the [THLA Co-Presidents](#), with questions about THLA membership status.)
2. Be enrolled at an ABA-accredited or California-accredited law school.
3. Demonstrate ties to the San Diego legal community. This includes any law student enrolled at a qualifying law school in San Diego County, any law student who demonstrates significant ties to San Diego, or any law student who intends to work in San Diego after graduation from law school.
4. Submit a complete application on or before the deadline listed above.
5. Make best efforts to attend a recognition event if selected as a scholarship recipient, which usually takes place during THLA’s Annual Awards Dinner.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

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The Foundation awards scholarships based the following criteria:

1. Current and past leadership experience or general involvement in LGBTQ+ organizations or the LGBTQ+ community, including efforts to promote diversity in the legal profession, legal organizations, or other communities or organizations.
2. Current and past leadership experience, or general involvement with, other organizations (preferably legal in nature).
3. Academic achievement in law school.
4. Financial need.
5. Applicant’s personal statement and responses to all prompts in this Application.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grad Year: \_\_\_\_\_

## DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

(OPTIONAL)

Race \_\_\_\_\_ LGBTQ+ \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_ Ally \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ First-Gen Law \_\_\_\_\_

Pronouns \_\_\_\_\_ First-Gen Undergrad \_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATION

**By signing below, I agree and acknowledge that:** (1) the information in this Application is true, complete, and accurate; (2) I may be disqualified from consideration, or may be required to return any scholarship award, if the Foundation determines, in its sole discretion, that (a) information in this Application is false, misleading, or inaccurate; (b) this Application is incomplete or untimely; or (c) I do not meet the eligibility criteria; (3) I will provide additional information if requested by the Foundation; (4) this Application is the property of the Foundation and will not be returned to me; (5) the Foundation, or its designee, shall have exclusive authority to select scholarship recipients, if any, and set scholarship amounts per recipient; (6) all decisions are final, subject to the Foundation's sole authority to revoke, rescind, or modify any scholarship decision (including scholarship recipients or amounts).

**I further agree and acknowledge that** the Foundation can use my name, image, likeness, and/or background information for purposes of marketing, promoting, and increasing awareness of THLA and the Foundation.

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

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS**

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*Please submit a response to each of the below topics (unless marked as optional, in which case applicants may but need not submit a response). Start each response on a new page with reference to the applicable topic.*

**A. LGBTQ+ Leadership and Experience**

Please describe your current and past leadership experience or general involvement in LGBTQ+ organizations or in the LGBTQ+ community. This includes other efforts to promote diversity generally in the legal or other communities. Your experience can be volunteer or paid, legal or non-legal. Please include a short description of your responsibilities and accomplishments, and how you may use your law degree to advance the interests of the LGBTQ+ community and/or diversity generally.

**B. Other Leadership and Experience**

Please describe your current and past leadership experience or general involvement with other organizations, preferably diverse and/or legal in nature. Your experience can be volunteer or paid, legal or non-legal. Please include a short description of your responsibilities and accomplishments.

**C. Academic Achievement**

Please provide your (1) most recent transcript; (2) current class schedule; (3) class standing or rank (if possible); and (4) a list of any academic achievements (including award and honors) received either during law school, undergraduate studies, or graduate studies.

**D. Financial Need**

Please describe (1) the approximate total educational debt you currently carry (including debt related to law school as well as undergraduate, graduate, or other educational studies); (2) how you are paying for law school; and (3) approximately what percentage of your law school expenses are paid by (a) parents or other family (e.g., spouse, significant others), (b) loans (government and/or private), (c) other scholarships or grants, (d) personal funds, and (e) any other source of financial assistance.

**E. Other Life Circumstances (optional)**

Please describe any other circumstances that have impacted your life or may bear on the review of your application (e.g., military service, disability, immigration status, direct or indirect system-impacted affects, native language other than English, other identities with which you identify, etc.).

**F. Personal Statement**

Please share any additional information about yourself that you would like the Foundation to know when considering your Application. You may include things such as merit, hardship, challenges, life experience, hobbies or interests, any THLA or Foundation events that you have attended, how you plan to use your law degree, how you would use the scholarship funds if the Foundation selects you as a recipient, etc.