



2026 JUSTICE ROBERT N.C. NIX, JR. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Justice Robert N.C. Nix, Jr. Scholarship is a program of the Dauphin County Bar Foundation. The scholarship was founded by the former Keystone Bar Association, which was first organized as the Harrisburg Black Attorneys Association.

The Justice Robert N.C. Nix, Jr. Scholarship is open to first- and second-year law students of Penn State Dickinson Law and Widener University Commonwealth

Law School who are members of an under-represented racial or ethnic group in the legal profession. Recipients will be members of the Dauphin County Bar Association.

Scholarships will be awarded based on several factors, including:

- Financial need
- Academic achievement
- Potential for meaningful contribution to society and the legal profession

At least two scholarships will be awarded each year, one to a student from Penn State Dickinson Law and one to a student from Widener University Commonwealth Law School.

Amounts of each Award may vary and will be a minimum of \$1000.

Submission deadline: **March 1st, 2026**

A completed application with all requested materials shall be delivered on or before the application deadline by U.S Mail or email. Late submissions will not be considered.

Mail or email to:

Dauphin County Bar Foundation
Nix Scholarship Committee
213 N. Front Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101
NixScholarship@gmail.com

Please direct all questions about the application or application process to:

Patrice Merzanis
Executive Director
Dauphin County Bar Association
Dauphin County Bar Foundation
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patrice@dcba-pa.org

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All sections to be completed by applicant; if handwritten, use ink.
Attach separate sheets as necessary.

1. Name

(Last) (First) (MI)

2. Current/School Address

(Street) (City, State, Zip)

3. Permanent Address

(Street) (City, State, Zip)

4. Cell/Mobile phone _____

5. Email Address _____

6. Law School (must be either Penn State Dickinson Law OR Widener University Commonwealth Law School)

(Name of Law School)

(Name of Law School Contact Person)

(Phone and/or email of Law School Contact Person)

List current GPA or Cumulative Average: _____

Law School Year: ____1L ____ 2L Term being applied for:_____

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7. Under-Represented Racial or Ethnic Group in the Legal Profession

Please describe the under-represented racial or ethnic group in the legal profession of which you are a member: _____

8. Expenses

Please list your Expenses (per term)

Tuition: _____

Housing Costs: _____

Other (please list the expense and the attached cost):

9. Other Financial Aid Received

- a. Include FAFSA SAI with your application
- b. (list other scholarships, loans, grants, family contributions, and other income):

10. Activities/Organizations/Non-Academic Honors (describe):

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11. Recommendations

Submit up to three written recommendations from a faculty advisor, professor, dean, employer, or lawyer as part of your completed application. List the name and email of each person submitting a recommendation on this page:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

12. Essay

Separate from this form, please compose a short essay (up to 1,000 words) explaining why you should receive the Justice Robert N.C. Nix, Jr. Scholarship, including factors such as academic achievement, financial need, and potential for making a contribution to society and the legal profession.

13. Additional Materials

As part of this application, attach both:

1. Your latest school transcript (unofficial), and
2. Your most recent resume.

14. Certification

I hereby certify that the above information and materials submitted as part of this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that I meet all of the eligibility requirements for the Justice Robert N.C. Nix, Jr. Scholarship.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

(Printed name of applicant)

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