

SCHOLARSHIPS BASED ON MERIT

Elizabeth Montague Averill Scholarship

Family, friends and alumni established this fund to enhance diversity among the UMKC School of Law student body by providing a scholarship to an older-than-average student who is returning to school to obtain a law degree. Special consideration is given to single, custodial parents. The scholarship is renewable subject to successful academic performance. Selection is based on applications by incoming students.

Timothy L. Brake Scholarship

Of Counsel with the law firm of Davis, Bethune and Jones, Timothy Brake (**Law 1973**) is an accomplished plaintiff's attorney. He has established scholarships at his undergraduate institution as well as UMKC School of Law. Mr. Brake believes that giving back to the institutions that provide outstanding education is a responsibility of those who have achieved success. Scholarships are awarded each year to outstanding law students. Scholarships may be renewed each year if the recipient's academic performance is satisfactory. Selection is based solely on admission files.

Harry L. Browne Memorial Scholarship

Helen L. Browne established this scholarship in memory of her late husband, Harry L. Browne, who devoted his professional career to the practice of labor law and who was recognized nationally as a specialist in that field. The aim of the scholarship is to attract to the UMKC Law School an outstanding entering law student who has demonstrated academic merit and who may be expected to practice employment and labor law with distinction. The scholarship is offered once every three years and is renewed each year if the recipient's academic performance is satisfactory. Selection is based on applications by incoming students.

Judge David T. and Hope Cavanaugh Scholarship

Scholarships are awarded each year to students from a fund established by Hope Cavanaugh, widow of Judge David T. Cavanaugh. Judge Cavanaugh was a 1940 law alumnus and judge in Jackson County, Mo. Selection is based on admission files, as well as applications by current students.

Diversity Scholarships

Several honor scholarships are awarded each year to entering students who demonstrate merit, and who, based on background and experience, contribute to the diversity of the school. Funds are provided by the University and the scholarships are renewed annually if academic performance is satisfactory.

Mark A. Dover Memorial Scholarship

A scholarship for entering students was established by family and friends of Mark Dover, a 1992 graduate of the School of Law, who died after a courageous battle with cancer. Mark entered law school after several years working in the court system and had great intellectual curiosity and a love for the law. The recipient should demonstrate these qualities that distinguished Mark Dover as a lawyer as well as have financial need. Preference may be given to students pursuing law as a second career.

Professor Robert C. Downs Recruitment Scholarship

Scholarships are awarded to recruit highly qualified incoming law students who have demonstrated excellence in academics in undergraduate and graduate work, excelled on the LSAT, and participated in community improvement activities. Selection is based solely on admission files.

Professor Robert C. Downs Scholarship

One scholarship is awarded each year to a second-year student who demonstrates a commitment of service to the School of Law, the local bar and future generations of law students by virtue of being an active member of the School of Law community. Students who have earned at least 40 credit hours and not more than 65 credit hours, and who are in good academic standing at the time of application, may apply. Selection is based on applications by current students.

William P. Eckels Memorial Scholarship

Scholarships are awarded each year to outstanding entering law students from a fund established by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Eckels, John S. Eckels, Katherine Rehkopf and Elizabeth Emerson in memory of their son and brother. Scholarships may be renewed each year if the recipient's academic performance is satisfactory. Selection is based solely on admission files.

Judge Jack E. Gant Scholarship

The Honorable Jack E. Gant (Law 1954) served on the bench of the Jackson County (MO) Circuit Court for 21 years following a successful 10 year career in the Missouri General Assembly and many years in private practice. In establishing this scholarship, Judge Gant leaves a legacy for recipients to aspire to public service and pursuit of justice in the law. Scholarships are awarded each year to outstanding law students. Scholarships may be renewed each year if the recipient's academic performance is satisfactory. Selection is based solely on admission files.

Elizabeth Pope George Memorial Scholarship

In memory of Elizabeth Pope George, an alumna of the Class of 1924, a scholarship fund has been provided by her son and daughter. The fund awards one scholarship every three years to an outstanding female first-year student. The scholarship is renewed each year if the recipient's academic performance is satisfactory. Selection is based solely on admission files.

Rollin C. Goodale Scholarship Fund

The Honorable Rollin C. Goodale (Law 1942) Scholarship Fund was established by Mr. Charles S. and Dorothy Goodale through a charitable remainder trust to memorialize Judge Goodale. Scholarships are awarded each year to outstanding law students and may be renewed each year if the recipient's academic performance is satisfactory. Selection is based solely on admission files.

The SFP and John Hardy Academic Achievement Scholarship

A scholarship created to honor the co-founder and executive vice president of Specialty Fertilizer Products' (SFP), John Hardy, a 1982 alumnus of the School, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the founding of SFP. In light of Mr. Hardy's outstanding career as an attorney, the award will be based primarily on scholastic merit and academic achievement. Recipients must be full-time students at the School. Preference will be given to incoming first-year students having a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0, or UMKC law students having a cumulative law school GPA of 2.75 or more. Applicants are required to submit an essay of no more than 500 words explaining the value of education and his/her future contributions to society.

Rubey M. Hulen Memorial Honor Scholarships

Honor scholarships are awarded each year to outstanding entering law students from a fund provided by the will of Anna Hulen, widow of Rubey M. Hulen, a distinguished alumnus of the school. The scholarship is renewed each year if the recipient's academic performance is satisfactory. Selection is based solely on admission files.

The Randy James Commitment to Justice Scholarship

A scholarship fund established by Randy James, a 1982 graduate of the School of Law, for entering law students with demonstrated commitment to justice and to representing individuals in order to protect their rights, a commitment the donor holds in his career as a lawyer. Applicants must demonstrate superior academic achievement (minimum undergraduate gpa of 3.2) and an on-going commitment to and involvement in advancing justice and protecting individual rights. The scholarship may be renewed if the recipient maintains a 3.0 after the first year and after each subsequent semester and continues to demonstrate a commitment to justice, service and individual rights. Applicants should submit a statement demonstrating how they meet the scholarship criteria.

The Kansas City Lesbian, Gay and Allied Lawyers (KC LEGAL) Scholarship

A scholarship program has been established at the School by The Kansas City Lesbian, Gay and Allied Lawyers (KC LEGAL) to provide financial support to a student at the School who plans to work in pursuit of equal treatment of and justice for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender ("LGBT") community. Applicants should submit a statement explaining the work he/she plans to do in that regard.

Dean and Professor Emeritus Patrick D. Kelly Scholarship Award

As Dean of the Law School from 1966-1978, Pat Kelly recognized the importance of scholarships to recruit highly qualified students to UMKC School of Law. Accordingly, he established the scholarship fund during his tenure as Dean. Beginning in 2005, alumni and friends hold an annual poker tournament to benefit the scholarship fund. Scholarships are awarded each year to outstanding entering law students and may be renewed each year if the recipient's academic performance is satisfactory. Selection is based solely on admission files.

Law Foundation Scholarship

Honor scholarships are awarded each year to outstanding entering law students. The following funds, held by the Law Foundation, support these scholarships: the James A. Bayles Memorial Scholarship Fund, the James P. Kem Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Howard Allen Yost Memorial Fund. Selection is based solely on admission files.

Law Foundation/University Special Admissions Scholarships

Each year, up to four partial or full fee-waiver scholarships, plus cash amounts, are awarded to entering law students who have demonstrated scholastic superiority and who, because of diverse backgrounds and achievements, broaden the educational experience of all students at the school. They are supported in part by the memorial funds listed above that were established from contributions given to the Law Foundation. Recipients receive the scholarships each year if academic performance is satisfactory. Selection is based solely on admission files.

The Jack and Helyn Miller Scholars Program

The Miller Scholars Program was established to recognize students who, through academic achievements and demonstrated leadership, are likely to enhance the UMKC School of Law, the legal profession and the community. Miller Scholar awards are made on a merit basis, without regard to financial need, to first-year law students. Stipends take educational fees, books and living expenses into consideration. Selection is based on an application and interview process.

Filbert Munoz Memorial Scholarship

A memorial fund was established by the family and friends of Filbert Munoz to provide scholarships to students (including entering students) who have a demonstrated record of ability, desire and interest in using their education to help members of the Hispanic community.

The Nailling Society/Richard L. Files Scholarship

Ms. Bobbi Lou Nailling served as Executive Director of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (KCMBBA) for 24 years. Upon her retirement, the KCMBBA raised money in her honor and established a foundation. Ms. Nailling requested that the fund create a scholarship in her name and that of her late husband, businessman Richard L. Files at UMKC School of Law. The scholarship will be awarded annually to an incoming 1L student who demonstrates interest and intent to practice in the area of public service and/or the administration of justice. The recipient will have an opportunity to be introduced at the annual KCMBBA "Liberty and Justice" Gala. The award is not renewable. Recipients will be selected based on a completed application reviewed by a selection committee.

Nonresident Tuition Scholarships

A limited number of nonresident scholarships are awarded each year to entering first-year law students with outstanding credentials who are not Missouri residents and who have not otherwise qualified for in-state fees. This scholarship pays the nonresident portion (roughly half) of the student's fees. Students will be awarded this scholarship for their first year of law school and will be expected to qualify for Missouri residency their second and third years, although the scholarship may be extended upon a showing of special circumstances. Selection is based solely on admission files.

Catherine N. & Clinton T. (Duke) Paddock Fund

A fund established to provide scholarships for excellence at the School of Law. Selection is based solely on admission files.

David Wilbur Pansing Memorial Scholarship

An annual scholarship award recognizing a student who plans to use the legal education in government or political service. The scholarship may be, but is not automatically, renewed. The Pansing Scholarship was established in 1995 by Judge Jane Pansing Brown, Class of 1982, in honor of her father, a 1954 graduate of the Law School. Selection is based on applications by current students.

Polsinelli, Shalton, Flanigan, Suelthaus Scholarship

As a demonstration of their commitment to increasing diversity within the legal profession, the law firm of Polsinelli, Shalton, Flanigan and Suelthaus has committed to fund scholarships at each of the five law schools from which they recruit most heavily, UMKC School of Law being one. Scholarships are awarded each year to outstanding entering law students from under-represented populations. Recipients have a unique opportunity to be involved with partners and associates at Polsinelli through firm events, educational programs and other offerings. Scholarships may be renewed each year if the recipient's academic performance is satisfactory. Selection is based solely on admission files.

Dean and Professor Emeritus Robert Popper Scholarship

Established in 2005 by friends and family of Dean and Professor Emeritus Robert Popper, this scholarship will be awarded to an entering law student at UMKC School of Law with demonstrated interest in and commitment to civil liberties, a core principle of Dean and Professor Popper as a lawyer and teacher of law. The scholarship honors and recognizes the memory of Dean Popper, who was a proud civil libertarian, specializing in criminal law, criminal procedure and constitutional law, who had a strong love for and commitment to the UMKC School of Law. An application is required and the scholarship may be renewed provided the minimum gpa is maintained and a prescribed core of course work is successfully completed.

Ruth and John Rhiner Scholarship Fund

John Rhiner (Law 1937) was proud of his legal career and thought highly of the Kansas City Law School, the predecessor of UMKC School of Law. In his estate, Mr. Rhiner provided for a scholarship to be awarded to incoming law students at UMKC School of Law. Scholarships may be renewed each year if the recipient's academic performance is satisfactory. Selection is based solely on admission files.

Omar E. Robinson Memorial Scholarships

Honor scholarships are awarded each year to outstanding entering law students from a fund established by the will of Ida C. Robinson, widow of Omar E. Robinson. The scholarships are renewed each year if academic performance is satisfactory. Selection is based solely on admission files.

Joseph A. Sherman Memorial Scholarship Fund

A 1955 graduate of UMKC School of Law, Mr. Sherman was known as a "gentleman of the bar" among his peers. Upon his death in 1997, family, friends and colleagues established a scholarship fund in Mr. Sherman's memory. Mr. Sherman had been an active volunteer with the UMKC Law Foundation and this scholarship pays tribute to his years as a member of the bar and volunteer at his law school. Scholarships are awarded each year to outstanding law students. Scholarships may be renewed each year if the recipient's academic performance is satisfactory. Selection is based solely on admission files.

Edgar J. Snow Scholarship Fund

The Edgar J. Snow Scholarships are funded primarily through the generosity of Professor Patrick Randolph, the law firm of Husch Blackwell and alumni recipients of the Edgar J. Snow Scholarships. A scholarship is awarded each year to an outstanding entering international law student from China. Scholarships may be renewed each year if the recipient's academic performance is satisfactory. Selection is based solely on admission files and by the Dean, School of Law.

Trans World Airlines Inc. Scholarship A scholarship is awarded each year to a student entering the second or third year of law school and who intends to pursue a career in natural resources or environmental law. Selection of the recipient, who must be a Missouri resident, is made according to procedures established by the deans of the two University of Missouri law schools. Selection is based on applications by current students.

Wal-Mart Foundation Minority Scholarship

The Wal-Mart Foundation provides a full tuition and fees scholarship to an entering full-time law student. Preference is given to minority students coming from a racial or ethnic background which is under-represented in the practice of law. Although some consideration may be given to financial need, a recipient will be chosen based primarily on scholastic merit and evidence of leadership and commitment to service. Awards may be renewed each year subject to academic performance criteria. Selection is based on an application and interview process.