



THE 2026 SENATOR AVON N. WILLIAMS, JR and HON. ROBERT LILLARD LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Senator Avon N. Williams, Jr. and Hon. Robert Lillard Law School Scholarships, established by the Napier-Looby Bar Foundation (NLBF), seek to provide not less than \$1,000 to assist law students of color at accredited law schools.

The NLBF, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was founded by the membership of the Napier-Looby Bar Association (NLBA) in 2001 to raise funds for scholarships and charitable donations to benefit worthy organizations and persons of need in the African-American and minority communities in Middle Tennessee. The Foundation names these Scholarships after the late Senator Avon N. Williams, Jr., a distinguished legislator, attorney and member of the NLBA and the late Hon. Robert Lillard, a distinguished advocate, jurist and member of the NLBA.

Scholarship Criteria

Applicants are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Academic record and academic achievements
- Extracurricular and community activities, awards and distinctions
- Financial need
- The recommendation letters submitted in support of the applicant
- The quality of the required essay.

Application Process

All applicants must submit completed applications to the NLBF on or before January 23, 2026. The recipients will be announced on or before February 12, 2026 and honored at the NLBF's Barrister's Banquet and Awards Program on February 26, 2026, which successful applicants are expected to attend.

Contact Information

All applications must be received no later than January 23, 2026, and be delivered by email to napierloobybarfoundation@gmail.com.

The Sen. Avon N. Williams, Jr. and Hon. Robert Lillard Law School Scholarship

2026 Application

Instructions: Please type or print the responses to the requested information in the spaces provided. All questions must be answered in order for your application to be considered.

Section I. Background Information

Applicant's full name: _____

Applicant's permanent address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home telephone number: _____

Applicant's secondary (campus) address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home telephone number: _____ Mobile telephone number: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Section II: Educational and Employment Background

1. List of High School(s) Attended (use additional paper if necessary)

| Name | City, State | Dates Attended | G.P.A. |
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2. List of Colleges and Universities Attended (use additional paper if necessary)

| Name: | City, State | Dates Attended | Major | G.P.A. |
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3. List all collegiate and law school (if applicable) academic honors received, and include the year each honor was received (use additional paper if necessary):

4. List all collegiate and law school (if applicable) extracurricular activities, other than employment, in the space provided:

5. List your last three employers in the space provided:

Name: _____

Address and Phone: _____

Name of Supervisor: _____

Date(s) of employment: _____

Name: _____

Address and Phone: _____

Name of Supervisor: _____

Date(s) of employment: _____

Name: _____

Address and Phone: _____

Name of Supervisor: _____

Date(s) of employment: _____

Section III. Law School Information

Please provide a list of all law schools to which you have attended or are currently enrolled (use additional paper if necessary):

| Name: | City, State | Dates Attended | Major | G.P.A. |
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Section IV. Financial Information

This is a scholarship based upon financial need. If you do not submit the information requested in this section, you will not be considered for the scholarship.

Annual income: \$ _____ per year

Number of dependents: _____

Amount of debt (if any): _____

Monthly living expenses for your household: \$ _____ per month

1. Identify all scholarships, financial aid, or other financial assistance you have been awarded for your law school education (use additional paper if necessary):

Name of Scholarship: _____

Name and City, State of person/entity giving the scholarship: _____

Amount of Scholarship: _____

Name of Scholarship: _____

Name and City, State of person/entity giving the scholarship: _____

Amount of Scholarship: _____

Name of Scholarship: _____

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Section V. Attachments and Essay

Please attach the following to your application:

1. A copy of your most recent transcript.
2. Two (2) letters of recommendation from your academic advisors or instructors.
3. Please, in a few sentences, describe your interest in the legal profession and your goals relating to the legal profession.
4. A brief essay of less than 300 words, on the subject of Senator Williams, Judge Lillard and/or an issue of current interest in the legal profession.

ENDORSEMENT

I affirm to the Napier-Looby Bar Foundation, Inc. that the answers in my application are true and correct. I understand that if I have knowingly provided false or misleading information in my application, then I will refund any and all money given to me by the Foundation as part of this scholarship.

I understand that attending the Foundation’s Barrister’s Banquet and Awards Program is an important part of the scholarship experience and offers meaningful opportunities for recognition, networking, and engagement with the legal community. I acknowledge that my presence for this special occasion is highly recommended by the Foundation and look forward to participating.

Signature: _____

Date: _____