

Merit Scholarship Program

For first –year students entering the Law School in 2017-18

- Merit Scholarships are awarded in the form of a credit against the Fall and Spring tuition charged to the student who receives the award.
- Eligibility for an award during the student’s first year of Law School is determined based on the student’s Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) score and undergraduate grade point average (UGPA) as determined by LSAC. Eligibility for retention of an award during the student’s second and third years is determined based on the student’s academic performance during Law School. The charts below show the criteria for initial awards and for retention of awards.
- The Law School is able to award only a limited number of these scholarships, and scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants therefore are encouraged to complete their Law School application at the earliest possible date. An award is not finalized until the applicant has been accepted to the Law School and has paid his or her seat deposit.
- Scholarship awards may be forfeited upon interruption of enrollment.
- Transfer students are considered on a case by case basis for Merit Scholarships.
- Questions? Contact the Financial Aid Office **(800-895-7411 Ext. 1211)** or financialaid@asl.edu.

Eligibility Criteria for Merit Scholarship Awards during First Year of Law School

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<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Award Amount</u>	<u>Criteria</u>
<u>Trustees’ Scholar</u>	<i>\$31,000 for 3 years</i>	<i>LSAT of 152 or above, and UGPA of 3.00</i>
<u>Dean’s Scholar</u>	<i>\$31,000 for 2 years</i>	<i>LSAT of 148 or above, and UGPA of 3.00</i>
<u>Faculty Scholar</u>	<i>\$15,500 for 3 years</i>	<i>LSAT of 145 or above, and UGPA of 3.00</i>

Criteria for Retention of Merit Scholarship Awards during Second and Third Years of Law School

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Trustees’ and Faculty Scholars: If, during the first year of law school, a student has received 12 or more hours of “Not Proficient” or a “Fail” grade, the scholarship will be forfeited. Two – Three credit hours of “Not Proficient” during the first year will reduce the scholarship to 75% of the current amount; Four – Eleven credit hours of “Not Proficient,” will reduce the scholarship to 50% of the current amount. **Dean’s Scholar:** If, during the first year of law school, a student has received 12 or more hours of “Not Proficient” or a “Fail” grade, the scholarship will be forfeited. Five – Six credit hours of “Not Proficient” during the first year will reduce the scholarship to 75% of the current amount; Seven – Eleven credit hours of “Not Proficient,” will reduce the scholarship to 50% of the current amount.

Thereafter, retention of scholarships will be based on the “**academic standards**” **grade point average (GPA) and class ranking** determined after the completion of the first semester of the second year. Performance (class standing) is measured at the end of the first semester of the second year and at the beginning of the third year. A reduction in award is permanent. For example, if a student’s award is reduced from 100% to 75% after the first year, it may not increase above 75% (but may decrease below 75%) based on the student’s second year performance.

Amount of award during first year	Performance required to retain 100% of original scholarship award	Performance required to retain 75% of original scholarship award	Performance required to retain 50% of original scholarship award
<u>Trustees’ Scholar</u>	<i>Top 30% of class</i>	<i>Top 40% of class</i>	<i>Top 50% of class</i>
<u>Dean’s Scholar</u>	<i>Only reviewed after First year of Law School</i>		
<u>Faculty Scholar</u>	<i>Top 40% of class</i>	<i>Top 45% of class</i>	<i>Top 50% of class</i>

Continuing Students, not previously eligible or previously awarded

At the beginning of the third year, previously ineligible students may be considered as funding allows. Continuing second year (2L) students will not be evaluated until after their third semester of attendance. Merit scholarships for continuing students are awarded based on “**academic standards**” grade point average (GPA) and class ranking earned the previous year of study and at the discretion of the appointed Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee may use other criteria for scholarship funds. Please note that scholarship funds are limited and the availability of new scholarships for continuing students is not guaranteed. Award decisions are announced in July and are dependent upon availability of funds.