

**NBA COMMERCIAL LAW SECTION –
COMMITTEE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ETHNICALLY DIVERSE LAWYERS
PIPELINE DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND
2006- 2007 Academic Year**

Terms and Conditions

About the Scholarship Program:

The NBA Commercial Law Section, Committee on the Development of Ethnically Diverse Lawyers, Pipeline Development Scholarship Fund was established to provide law school educational funding for ethnically diverse students of color who have been accepted to Arizona State University School of Law or the University of Arizona School of Law. Scholarship awards are for special courses, workshops and experiences that complement the three years of study.

Data published by the Association of Corporate Counsel in its *Pipeline Resource Guide 2001*, show that ethnically diverse lawyers of color are drastically underrepresented in the legal community. In response, the Commercial Law Section of the Nation Bar Association established the Committee on the Development of Ethnically Diverse Lawyers to implement a network of “Pipeline Programs” aimed at increasing the number of ethnically diverse lawyers graduating from law schools in order to better diversify corporate and legal communities, starting in the State of Arizona. The National Bar Association is the oldest bar association for lawyers of color started in 1925 by and for African-American lawyers. For over 80 years, the NBA has led the struggle in the legal community on such issues as voting rights, access to justice and affirmative action.

Applicants Must Be:

- Ethnically diverse U.S. citizens or permanent residents of color
- Accepted to the ASU School of Law, the U of A School of Law or other accredited law school in Arizona.
- Active participants in school and community activities.
- In need of financial assistance as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (www.fafsa.ed.gov/)
- Academically motivated as determined by a school transcript, recommendation and application materials.

Award:

\$2,000 – Pre-law Prep Course – Awarded by July in the Summer prior to entering law school – cost of course is covered
\$6,500 - 1st Year Judicial Summer Internship – Awarded at the end of 1st year of school
\$6,500 –2nd Year In-House Counsel Internship – Awarded at the end of the 2nd year of law school
\$1,500 – 2nd Year *Life As A Lawyer Boot Camp Course* – Awarded at the end of the 2nd year of law school

Renewal/Continuation Criteria:

- Register for and complete a full-time enrollment in the law school.
- Once a student is accepted into the NBA Commercial Law Section Pipeline Development Program, each student must sign the Student Pipeline Pledge, agreeing to complete the entire three year series of NBA Pipeline Programs. Each accepted student is automatically enrolled in the Pre-Law Prep Course
- To be eligible for the 1st Year Judicial Summer Clerkship, each Pipeline Student must provide their 1st semester 1st year grades by February 28 of each year and must have a G.P.A. equivalent to a C average or better and provide proof of attendance at one NBA Pipeline Program function per semester. Proof of participation shall be established by a sign-in sheet. Work at least 30 hours per week in the Summer Clerkship.
- To be eligible for the 2nd Year In-House Clerkship and *Life As A Lawyer Boot Camp*, each accepted Pipeline Student must provide a transcript by February 28 of each year that demonstrates the student has an C average or better and provide proof of attendance at one NBA Pipeline Program function per semester. Proof of participation shall be established by a sign-in sheet. Work at least 30 hours per week in the In-House Clerkship.
- Provide proof of providing 15 volunteer hours per week in the months of September and October of the Pipeline Student's Third Year of law school. Proof of volunteer hours to be established by a letter from a designated high school teacher certifying the students' participation as a mock trial coach.
- *In addition to any other terms and conditions, the number and amount of all Arizona Community Foundation scholarship awards and renewals is contingent on the availability of funding.*

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Application Process:

- For complete scholarship terms and conditions, or to download an application online, go to www.NBAPipeline.org or www.azfoundation.org.

Application Deadline:

- Postmark Deadline: May 29th

Scholarship Award Announced: By June 9

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