



BARRISTERS
& ATTORNEYS

Legal Scholarship Application

ABOUT THE MJM SCHOLARSHIP

The MJM Legal Scholarship was established in 1998 to provide financial support to an outstanding Bermudian or PRC holder who aspires to enter the field of law and return to Bermuda to practice.

The successful candidate must be at least 18 years old and enrolled in law school or a post-graduate vocational course (BVC, LPC) or equivalent that leads to a Commonwealth qualification and subsequent admission to the Bermuda Bar.

THE AWARD:

\$15,000 is awarded for the first year and it is renewable for a maximum of three further years, subject to satisfactory academic progress and other conditions. Applicants may pursue other scholarships, however the Scholarship Committee will not grant the full scholarship amount to an applicant who will receive combined awards that exceed educational expenses.

The Scholarship Committee may in its discretion grant bursaries in any amount of its choosing to any deserving applicant.

INTERVIEWS AND SELECTION:

Short-listed candidates must be available to attend a personal interview with the Scholarship Committee. Interviews will be held from mid-June to early July. Selection will be made by the Committee.

The winner will be announced no later than 15 July.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

The Committee includes an MJM Director, the Human Resource Operations Manager and MJM Attorneys.

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Completed applications along with all supporting documents may be emailed or delivered to the address below. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

MJM Limited
Scholarship Committee
Thistle House, 4 Burnaby Street
Hamilton, HM 11 Bermuda

Email: mjmscholarships@mjm.bm
Telephone: (441) 292-1345

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Application Deadline: 1 June (or the Friday before if 1 June falls on a weekend)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Your application must be completed **in full** and accompanied by:

<input type="checkbox"/>	A cover letter that explains your interest in studying the law, why you selected the University that you will be attending, why you chose to apply to MJM Limited, and any other information that you believe will be of interest to the Scholarship Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	A current CV highlighting educational and work experience, community service and extra-curricular activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	A letter from an approved university or institution evidencing acceptance into a recognized programme that leads to a commonwealth legal qualification
<input type="checkbox"/>	Academic letter of recommendation
<input type="checkbox"/>	A 1500-word statement taking a position on any <u>ONE</u> of the topics listed on Appendix A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of Bermudian or PRC Status (a letter from the Department of Immigration confirming your status)
<input type="checkbox"/>	A written character reference from a teacher or sports coach, school principal or college professor, a Minister of Religion, Justice of the Peace or other person who has no personal relationship with you (references from a partner/spouse, parent or other relative, member of your household <u>will not</u> be accepted)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copies of educational certificates, which must carry official certification of grades if these do not appear on the actual certificates. Transcript from any university or other institution of higher learning that you have attended. A high school transcript is acceptable for new graduates who have not yet started tertiary education
<input type="checkbox"/>	Confirmation of all other awards/scholarships applied for including amounts, and the current status (e.g. received, pending, unsuccessful, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	A statement confirming a return to Bermuda to practice Law for the period of time equal to that of the award. This must be received before funds are awarded
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certificate of good health with name, date of birth and date of issue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter from university or institution stating tuition costs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial need form/statement showing financial commitments for the upcoming academic year
<input type="checkbox"/>	An undertaking from you declaring how you intend to cover any shortfall of funds needed to meet your educational expenses
<input type="checkbox"/>	Before funds are awarded, the winner will be required to submit a letter from a parent/guardian or other person confirming that they will be responsible for any shortfall of funds necessary for meet your tuition or related expenses

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Scholarship Application Form

This Form MUST be submitted along with all supporting documents as set out in the MJM Limited Scholarship Application Checklist.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY): _____ Place of Birth: _____

Do you have Bermuda Status or a PRC? YES NO

Full Residential Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Email address: _____

Name of Parents/Guardians: _____ Telephone No.: _____

EDUCATION

Secondary School(s) and/or attended: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Other Educational Institutions attended: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Certificates obtained and Dates Achieved:

College/University attended: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Diplomas/Degrees obtained: _____ Year: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Proposed course of study/institution of legal study:

Practice area of interest:

Ultimate career goal:

Have you **received** a scholarship or bursary for the **current** academic year? YES NO

Provide the name of the Award: Duration of the Award: Amount Received:
(Add an extra page if required)

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
-

Have you **applied** for a scholarship or bursary for the **upcoming** academic year? YES NO

Provide the name of the Award(s): Duration of the Award Value of the Award:
(Add an extra page if required)

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
-

Are you currently receiving financial support from a parent/relative or other person? YES NO

How do you intend to finance your educational costs for the upcoming academic year (ie parent/relative/other, loans, savings)? **Provide additional information regarding your financial circumstances that may assist the Scholarship Committee's understanding of your financial need**

(add an additional page if needed).

Disclosure Statement

I understand and agree that I am obligated to disclose the details and financial value of all scholarships, bursaries or other financial awards that I receive within **five** business days of acceptance.

I further understand that if granted the MJM Legal Scholarship that my ability to benefit from other scholarships will be at the discretion of the MJM Scholarship Committee and will be on the condition that my scholarships, bursaries or other financial awards do not exceed my college/university related expenses.

I agree that failure to inform the MJM Scholarship Committee of any substantial changes to my financial status (including acceptance of scholarships, bursaries or other financial awards) may result in my having to forfeit monies granted to me by MJM Limited.

Applicant's Signature

Date

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MAY BE HAND-DELIVERED OR EMAILED:

The Scholarship Committee

MJM Limited

Thistle House, 4 Burnaby Street

Hamilton HM 11

Email to: mjmscholarships@mjm.bm

Deadline for applications: 1 June (or the Friday before if 1 June falls on a weekend)

CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
INCOME	BD\$
Savings Plans:	BD\$
Scholarships:	BD\$
Other Financial Awards:	BD\$
Family Assistance:	BD\$
Personal Contribution:	BD\$
Other (specify):	BD\$
TOTAL INCOME:	BD\$
EDUCATION EXPENSES	
Tuition and Registration:	BD\$
Books and Supplies:	BD\$
Other (please specify):	BD\$
LIVING EXPENSES	
Housing and Utilities:	BD\$
Meals/Food:	BD\$
Travel/Transportation:	BD\$
Insurance:	BD\$
Clothing:	BD\$
Medical (incidental):	BD\$
Entertainment:	BD\$
Other (please specify):	BD\$
TOTAL EXPENSES (Education + Living):	BD\$

NOTE: You must provide evidence of college-related expenses, e.g. a letter from university, tuition/fee page from the school website.

I confirm that the above information provided is true and correct. I understand that if I am granted the MJM Legal Scholarship it will be withdrawn should any information provided be untrue, misleading, or if I have failed to provide any information reasonably requested. If the scholarship is withdrawn, I understand that I will be required to repay any monies already paid to me.

I give permission for MJM Limited to obtain any information regarding my application as may be reasonably required to determine my eligibility for the MJM Limited Scholarship.

Applicant's signature: _____ **Date:** _____

APPENDIX A

Topics for Writing Your 1500-Word Statement

Complete your hand-written essay on any **one** of the topics listed below. There are no right or wrong answers so feel free share your thoughts with us.

- What is culture?
- How can we encourage people to recycle more?
- Should reality TV shows have regulations?
- Are participation trophies in athletics a good idea?
- What role should technology play in education?
- Is virtual schooling as good as in-person classes?
- What laws should we have about cell phone use in cars?
- How is social media changing family relationships?