



SISTAS-IN-LAW 2026 WARREN NANCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

SISTAS-IN-LAW (“SIL”) is currently seeking qualified applicants for the 2026 Warren Nance Scholarship (“WNS”) cycle. Scholarships to be awarded to deserving Arkansas law school students. The applications are attached.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The SIL WNS are intended to:

Recognize law students who have demonstrated a commitment to excellence and an aptitude for leadership and philanthropy;

Promote excellence in legal studies by providing assistance to deserving students; and

Advance the purposes of SIL and the WNS, which include advocating for the acknowledgement and advancement of Black women in the legal community, promoting the welfare and interests of women lawyers, maintaining the honor and integrity of the profession of law, encouraging philanthropy by women lawyers, and informing and educating women lawyers on matters pertaining to their professional and personal interests and status.

AWARDS GIVEN: At least two scholarships will be awarded to deserving students at any Arkansas law school (University of Arkansas School of Law and UALR William H. Bowen School of Law). Neither the number of scholarships nor the final award amounts have been determined, but the minimum award will be no less than \$1000.00.

RECOGNITION DATE: Recipients will be honored at the Annual Sistas-in-Law Women’s History Month event on March 31, 2026 in Little Rock. Applicants are encouraged to Save-the-Date and attend this event, if possible. Details to follow upon application submission.

ELIGIBILITY/CRITERIA: Any law student currently enrolled at an Arkansas law school. Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership and philanthropic potential, a strong commitment to the profession, and/or the ability to overcome difficult obstacles. Involvement in programs that highlight advancement or support of women in the legal profession and in the community and participation in community outreach programs will also be considered. Financial need will also be considered.

INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT REQUESTED INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION AND INCLUDE ATTACHMENTS WHERE NECESSARY, AS INDICATED.

Submit the completed application, resume, headshot, letters of recommendation, and personal statement in **one email** to the email address below. The letter of recommendation (1-page) *must* be included in the applicant's email with other documents to be considered. Application submissions and letter(s) of recommendation must include the following identifying information: 1L, 2L or 3L, name of law school, and your name. For example:

Application Email Submission (example):

Email Subject Line: 2L; University of Arkansas School of Law; Mary Jones.

Letter of Recommendation (example):

Your letter of recommendation must include the following reference line:

RE: 3L; UALR Bowen School of Law; Jelani Moore.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Email your application, all required/supporting documents, including your headshot, resume, and letters of recommendation to: sistasinlaws@gmail.com

Applications must be received no later than: **5:00 p.m. CST on Friday, March 13.**

NOTE: You should send **only one application email** with all documentation attached.

To learn more about our organization, please visit: <http://www.sista-in-law.org>

Questions? Contact the WNSC Committee: sistasinlaws@gmail.com

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Classification: ____ 1L ____ 2L ____ 3L

Number of Hours Successfully Completed: _____

Name: _____

Law School: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

II. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Anticipated Graduation Date (**include month and year**): _____

Grade Point Average: _____ Class Standing: _____

A. Undergraduate and Other Graduate Degrees: Please list below any undergraduate and other graduate degrees you have earned.

<u>College/University</u>	<u>Degree(s)</u>	<u>Date of Degree</u>
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B. Honors and Awards: Please list below (or include in an attachment) any academic honors you received during your undergraduate, post-graduate, or law school education.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Description of Honor</u>	<u>Date of Honor</u>
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C. Extracurricular Activities: Please list below (or include in an attachment) any groups with which you have been involved, the mission of the organization, the length of your involvement with the organization and any leadership roles you currently hold or have held in such groups.

2) Sistas-In-Law was created to support, connect, and elevate women in the legal profession. Describe a moment—inside or outside a classroom—when you recognized the power of community, mentorship, or representation in the law, and explain how that experience shapes the kind of lawyer you intend to become.

3) Law school and bar preparation demand discipline, resilience, and ethical grounding. What challenges do you anticipate on your path to licensure, and how have your past experiences prepared you to meet those challenges with integrity and perseverance?

4) The legal profession carries both privilege and responsibility. How do you plan to use your legal education or bar licensure to positively impact your community in Arkansas or beyond, particularly in advancing fairness, access to justice, or professional excellence, particularly women of color?

VII. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL NEED

Please include a short statement about your financial need for this scholarship. In what ways would receiving this scholarship help remove barriers or create opportunities for you as you continue your legal education or career?

By completing this application, you permit Sistas-in-Law (“SIL”) to use, edit (in the case of photographs, images and videos), and/or publish your name, likeness, photograph, image, voice, biographical information (including schools attended and other information contained herein) and/or video in the SIL’s announcements and/or promotional materials, without any further consent. This grant is perpetual in duration.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE