

THOMAS F. EAGLETON SCHOLARSHIP

2025-2026 APPLICATION

READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

OVERVIEW/BACKGROUND:

Thank you for expressing interest in the Thomas F. Eagleton Scholarship. This scholarship was established by Thompson Coburn LLP to honor the memory and work of our longtime partner and friend, Senator Thomas F. Eagleton, in the legal profession, community-at-large, and U.S. Senate.

We believe this is the best way to honor the Senator's belief in community and helping others whose personal opportunities have been impacted by their particular backgrounds, life experiences or economic circumstances. The impact that these scholarships have on the law students would make the Senator proud.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible to receive the Thomas F. Eagleton Scholarship an applicant must meet each of the following requirements:

1. Enrolled as a first-year law school student at one of the following participating institutions:
 - Washington University School of Law;
 - Saint Louis University School of Law;
 - University of Missouri – Columbia School of Law; or
 - University of Illinois School of Law
2. Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale) at undergraduate institution.
3. Citizen or permanent resident of the United States, or able to work in the United States without limit as to duration or the need for employer sponsorship (students in F-1 status are not eligible).
4. Demonstrate the ability to promote or enhance diversity in the legal profession.
5. Was either from the first generation in their family to graduate from college, from a demographic group that is underrepresented in the legal profession, and/or whose opportunities have been impacted by their particular background, life experiences or economic circumstances.

Before receiving scholarship funds, the recipient will be required to demonstrate admission to and plans to enroll at one of the participating law schools.

All application materials must be submitted electronically at
<https://www.thompsoncoburn.com/eagleton-upload/>

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Application Form.** Each applicant must complete the 2025-2026 application form.

The application form must be submitted electronically.

2. **Recommendation Letters.** Each applicant must submit (2) letters of recommendation, at least one of which may be from a professor or employer. Recommendations should not be from a friend, neighbor or family member. Appropriate people to ask include employers, school advisors, coaches and recent professors. No more than two recommendations will be considered.

If your recommender(s) would prefer to submit this information separately, please have them e-mail their letter of recommendation to: EagletonScholarship@thompsoncoburn.com.

3. **Transcript(s).** Each applicant must submit an official or unofficial copy of their transcript(s) from both undergraduate and graduate institutions.

The transcript(s) must be submitted electronically with your application.

4. **Resume.** Each applicant must submit a resume that includes recent work history and community service participation.

The resume must be submitted electronically with your application.

5. **Essay.** In 750 – 1,000 words, each applicant must construct an essay that addresses any of the following questions. You may incorporate multiple questions from the list below into your essay, if you choose:

- Why are diversity and inclusivity important in the legal profession?
- How do you plan to enhance diversity in the legal profession?
- What character and personality traits best define the person that you are?
- How will your experiences and identity help you bring a diverse perspective to the legal community?

The essay must be submitted electronically with your application.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

FULL NAME

Last:		First:		M.I.:	
Preferred Pronouns					

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS

Street Address				Apt/ Unit:	
City		State		Zip Code	

PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS

Street Address				Apt/ Unit:	
City		State		Zip Code	

Preferred Email Address					
Telephone	Primary		Secondary		
LSAT Score					
Law School You Will Be Attending in Fall 2025					
	Washington University School of Law			Saint Louis University School of Law	
	University of Missouri - Columbia School of Law			University of Illinois School of Law	
ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO WORK IN THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT LIMITATION OR EMPLOYER SPONSORSHIP?				Yes	No
Race/Ethnicity					
	Asian		Black or African		Caucasian
	Hispanic/ Latino		Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander		Middle Eastern/ Northern Africa
	Decline to Answer				

Gender							
	Female		Male		Non-Binary		Decline to Answer
Disability Status							
	Yes		No		Decline to Answer		
LGBTQ+							
	Yes		No		Decline to Answer		

II. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

UNDERGRADUATE

Undergraduate Institution Name					
City		State:		Zip Code	
Dates of Attendance		Graduation Year			
Degree Earned					
Cumulative GPA					

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Dates of Attendance		Graduation Year			
Degree Earned					
Cumulative GPA					

Honors, Awards or Other Special Recognition:

Extracurricular Activities:

GRADUATE

Graduate Institution Name				
City		State:		Zip Code
Dates of Attendance		Graduation Year		
Degree Earned				
Cumulative GPA				

Honors, Awards or Other Special Recognition:

Extracurricular Activities:

III. OTHER INFORMATION

1. Please answer the following:

Have you ever been placed on academic probation or been required to withdraw from any school for academic reasons?		Yes		No
Have you ever been the subject of any disciplinary action taken by any school or college, or are charges pending?		Yes		No
Has your undergraduate or graduate course been interrupted for one or more terms for any reason?		Yes		No
Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? Or is any charge pending against you for any crime other than a minor traffic violation?		Yes		No
Have you been separated from a branch of the armed forces of the United States under conditions other than honorable?		Yes		No

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please explain:

2. Are you receiving any monetary scholarships or awards to aid in your law school expenses? If so, please list the scholarships/ awards and monetary amount.

IV. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

You must submit (2) letters of recommendation with your application.

Recommender Information			
Name	Address	Telephone Number	Applicant Affiliation

This application will not be considered unless these recommendations are attached

If your recommender(s) would prefer to submit this information separately, please have them e-mail their letter of recommendation to: EagletonScholarship@thompsoncoburn.com.

V. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Is there any additional information that you would like to share with the Scholarship Committee that you feel might assist the committee in better evaluating you and your accomplishments?

VI. CERTIFICATION

	I am NOT a relative of a partner, associate or staff member of Thompson Coburn LLP.
	The information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I will inform the Scholarship Committee of any changes which might occur in this information. I understand that providing false, misleading or incomplete information will be grounds for denial or revocation of scholarship funds.
	By signing this application I authorize the Scholarship Committee to verify any information provided herein and I authorize the Scholarship Committee to contact present and former employers and references for information pertaining to this application. I agree to provide proof of the information that I have given on this application form. I understand that failure to provide such proof may result in denial of scholarship funds or rejection of the application.

Applicant's Signature		Date	
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APPLICATION DEADLINE: JULY 1, 2025

RELEASE FORM**THOMAS F. EAGLETON SCHOLARSHIP**

This is to confirm that I, the undersigned named individual, have applied for a scholarship grant from the Thomas F. Eagleton Scholarship Program.

As consideration for the opportunity to be considered for participation in the Thomas F. Eagleton Scholarship Program, I grant Thompson Coburn LLP the right to use my name, voice, photograph, biography and excerpts from my scholarship application in any and all media in connection with the Thomas F. Eagleton Scholarship Program, including without limitation publicity about the program, newsletters, brochures and other materials.

Execution of this form does not obligate Thompson Coburn LLP to select me as a scholarship recipient, nor to publish information or other materials concerning the undersigned.

Full Name		Date	
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If you have any questions, please contact EagletonScholarship@thompsoncoburn.com

THANK YOU

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