The School of Law annually awards scholarships to outstanding students on the basis of academic performance, leadership, character, personal achievements, and financial need. The scholarships listed below are funded through private donations and are administered by the law school. They are open to all University of Memphis School of Law students who meet the specified criteria and complete the application process. Visiting law students are not eligible for these scholarships.

**RETURNING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Tillie B. Alperin Scholarship** is named in honor of the late Tillie Blen Alperin, a 1935 graduate of the old University of Memphis Law School and one of the first women to practice law in Tennessee. Female law students who have successfully completed their first year with a B average, have demonstrated a commitment to the legal profession, and have financial need are eligible. Preference will also be given to applicants who have overcome significant obstacles in pursuit of their education.

**Black McLaren Jones Ryland & Griffee Judicial Endowment Fund** is a scholarship given by the law firm of Black McLaren Jones Ryland & Griffee, P.C. to a deserving and qualified student who is a member of the editorial staff of the Law Review at the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. The Editor-in-Chief and the Associate Editor are excluded from eligibility for this award.

**C. Cleveland Drennon, Jr. Memorial Scholarship** is funded by Humphrey E. Folk, Jr. and the Drennon family and friends. All full-time students are eligible for the award, with special consideration given to applicants who were student-athletes graduates of The University of Memphis or Vanderbilt University.

**Deal Cooper Holton PLLC Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy** was established by the law firm of Deal, Cooper & Holton, PLLC. This award will be given to the student with excellent performance in the School of Law course entitled *Trial Advocacy*.

**Dinkelspiel Family Scholarship** is made possible by Robert and Elizabeth Ann Dinkelspiel to support University of Memphis law students. The award is given annually to a student who has distinguished himself or herself academically, without regard to consideration of financial need.

**Tennessee Judicial Conference Foundation Scholarships** are made possible by a grant from the Tennessee Judicial Conference Foundation. Three scholarships are awarded annually to a second- or third-year student who has demonstrated community involvement and/or a commitment to public service. The first scholarship honors Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, the minister, attorney, NAACP director, and civil rights leader from Memphis. The second scholarship honors Judge William H. Williams of Tennessee. The third scholarship honors Judge Don Ash, Senior Judge for the State of Tennessee. The scholarship recipient may be required to attend and
participate in the annual Tennessee Judicial Conference. The recipient’s travel, meals, and lodging expenses will be provided by the Tennessee Judicial Conference Foundation. While the scholarship is awarded annually, the requirement to attend the annual Tennessee Judicial Conference rotates among the other law schools in the state.

**Evans & Petree Law Firm Scholarship** in Honor of Percy Harvey, Esq. was established by this Tennessee law firm to demonstrate their commitment to increasing access for minority students to the legal profession. One scholarship is awarded annually, with preference given to a returning African American student with financial need. Final selection is made by the donor committee.

**Evolve Bank & Trust Scholarship** is given in memory of E. James House, Jr. to a new or returning law student with an undergraduate degree or interest in business and an aptitude for banking and finance. Additional consideration will be given to a student who has overcome adversity or demonstrated personal industriousness with a preference given to students who are graduates of Vanderbilt University.

**Federal Bar Association – Memphis Mid-South Chapter Award** is an award made possible through the Memphis Mid-South Chapter of the Federal Bar Association to recognize student achievement and support the study of the federal court system. The award is presented to the student who receives the highest grade in the Federal Courts course at the School of Law. In the case of a tie, the award shall be divided between students.

**Federal Court Bench and Bar Scholarships** are awarded to economically disadvantaged law students from the Middle District of Tennessee. The recipients must be in good academic standing at the law school or the most recent school attended, but this is not intended to be a merit or academic achievement based scholarship. The goal is to broaden the Middle District of Tennessee bar through expanded opportunities for law students from all backgrounds. The recipients must have demonstrated financial need and must have either graduated from a high school in, or resided for the previous three years as a non-full time student in, one of the following Tennessee Counties: Cannon, Cheatham, Clay, Cumberland, Davidson, DeKalb, Dickson, Fentress, Giles, Hickman, Houston, Humphreys, Jackson, Lawrence, Lewis, Macon, Marshall, Maury, Montgomery, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Robertson, Rutherford, Smith, Stewart, Sumner, Trousdale, Wayne, White, Williamson, or Wilson. The recipient does not become ineligible for this scholarship merely by moving from the Middle District to the Western or Eastern District to attend law school. The following students are ineligible for this scholarship: Judges and employees of the United States courts and their family members, and Nashville Bar Association employees or Board members and their family members. “Family member” shall include any person covered by Canon 3C(1)(d) or (3)(a) of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges.

**The Professor W. Walton Garrett Scholarship** was established in 1978 and is awarded annually to the Student Bar Association President. Garrett taught at Memphis Law from 1961 until his retirement in 1985. He taught classes in many subject areas of the curriculum, most enjoying Family Law. His wife, Marion, encouraged him to establish this scholarship to support
the President of the SBA; he and his now-deceased wife fund over eleven scholarships at various religious organizations and education institutions.

**Kimberly and Stephen Hale Endowed Fund** was established by Kimberly and Stephen Hale. This scholarship will be awarded to Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law students who have demonstrated exceptional academic ability, both as undergraduates and law students. Mr. Hale was a native Memphian who attended both Raleigh-Egypt and Christian Brothers High School and received his B.A. in political science and economics from the University of Memphis. Mr. Hale was a 1982 graduate of the University of Memphis School of Law who started his legal career as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Mississippi County, Arkansas. He practiced as a civil litigator with several firms before forming the Hale Law Group. He was admitted to practice in Tennessee and Arkansas, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth, Eighth, Tenth, and Eleventh Circuits, and numerous federal district courts. His practice was nationally recognized in consumer and commercial bankruptcies and commercial litigation. This scholarship is given to students who have maintained a minimum a 3.0 GPA in both undergraduate and law school.

**Harris Shelton Hanover Walsh Scholarship** is made possible by the law firm of Harris Shelton Hanover Walsh, PLLC to support University of Memphis law students. The award is given annually to a student who has distinguished himself or herself academically, without regard to consideration of financial need.

**Robert and Elaine Hoffmann Memorial Scholarship** is named in honor of the late Chancellor Robert Hoffmann and his sister Elaine. All students are eligible for consideration, with selection based upon academic merit. Two awards are available, one to a second-year and one to a third-year law student.

**Kathryn Hookanson Law Fellowship** was established by Ms. Hookanson, her family, friends and colleagues. Kathryn Hookanson was Legal Counsel for The University of Memphis, a member of the law faculty, and a practicing member of the Memphis Bar. All students are eligible to apply. Preference may be given to female students and those in financial need.

**John C. “Jack” Hough Memorial Law Scholarship** is named in honor of the late John C. “Jack” Hough, a former member of the Shelby County Public Defender’s Office. The scholarship is available to a second- or third-year law student who demonstrates financial need and is working either for compensation, as a volunteer or in a law school externship in the office of the Shelby County Public Defender. Preference will also be given to applicants who express an interest in a career in government service as a public defender or prosecutor, or in the field of criminal law.

**Cecil C. Humphreys Law Fellowships** are funded through a grant from the Plough Foundation. The fellowships are awarded to students who have demonstrated outstanding academic performance, leadership, good citizenship, and scholarship achievement. Fellows engage in activities under the direction of law faculty for 15 hours per week. Recipients can not engage in outside employment. Fellowships are only awarded to second-and third-year students.
The Honorable David S. Kennedy Bankruptcy Achievement Award Fund was established to recognize an excellent student and support the study of bankruptcy law at the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. It was established by an alumnus who has great admiration and respect for his bankruptcy professor, Judge David S. Kennedy.

Littler Mendelson Labor Law Award was established by the law firm of Kiesewetter, Wise, Kaplan & Prather, PLC. This award provides scholarship assistance to the student with the highest grade in the School of Law course entitled Labor Law. In the event of a tie for the highest grade, the professor teaching the course will determine the recipient.

The Law Alumni Board Honor Student Scholarship was established by the Law Alumni Board of Directors for a student who reflects the Law School’s commitment to excellence and demonstrates an ability to succeed in the legal profession through leadership, scholarships, community service, or other attributes or achievements. The recipient of this $1,000 annual scholarship is an entering student accepted to the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. The scholarship is renewable for each of the three years, provided that the student maintains a 3.0 GPA and exhibits the high standards of conduct expected of the recipient of the Honor Student award. Recipients are invited to various Law Alumni events where they will be recognized.

The Jackson Lewis Firm Scholarship was established at the University of Memphis School of Law to recognize a second-year student who has a demonstrated interest in, or aptitude for, labor and employment law. Other factors that are considered are the applicant’s prior work experience or class work. Additionally, the recipient must have performed well academically during their first year of law school, and preference will be given to awarding the scholarship to someone underrepresented in the legal community.

The Judge John Martin Scholarship is presented annually to a student in recognition of Judge Martin's contributions to the federal judiciary and to the community. Judge Martin was a United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee from 1935-1941, and served both as judge and Chief Justice on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit from 1941 until his death in 1962. The scholarship is presented to the Chief Justice of the University of Memphis Moot Court Board.

H. H. McKnight Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a veteran of the United States Armed Forces with financial need and who is interested in pursuing a career in criminal law. Two scholarships are awarded annually, one to an entering student and one to a returning student. Final selection is made by the donor committee.

Memphis Access and Diversity Law Scholarship. The Tennessee Board of Regents has allocated funds for a diversity scholarship program at the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. If you are interested in applying for this diversity scholarship, you must complete the scholarship application and explain why you qualify. Applicants must be a Tennessee resident or a resident of Mississippi (Desoto, Marshall, Tate, and Tunica) and Arkansas (Crittenden) Counties.
The Joe A. Moore Award is named in honor of former law professor Joe A. Moore and is granted to a graduating student who has excelled in oral advocacy. Recipients are selected by the law dean and faculty.

Sam A. Myar, Jr. Law Scholarship provides scholarship assistance to the Editor-in-Chief and the Managing Editor of the University of Memphis Law Review. Sam A. Myar, Jr. was a highly regarded Memphis attorney and Professor of Law who passed away at the untimely age of 39 in 1959. Mr. Myar was a partner at McCloy Myar & Wellford, where his concentration was in Corporate and Tax Law. His friends and partners established a scholarship in his name due to his generosity of spirit, wisdom, and dedication to pursuing justice for all. This scholarship was established in 1960 at Southern Law University, which is now known as the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. Mr. Myar was a graduate of the University of Virginia and received his law degree from the University of Chicago.

Pillars of Excellence Law Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund provides scholarship assistance to a second- or third-year law school student based on financial need, undergraduate and law school grade point average, law school activities, and scholarship statement. Preference will be given to student members of the University of Memphis Alumni Association. The Law School Honors & Awards Committee screens the applications, selects the top three, and forwards them to the Law Alumni Scholarship Committee. The Law Alumni Scholarship Committee makes the final selection. The recipient will be invited to, and recognized at, a Law Alumni Chapter meeting or event.

Joseph Henry Shepherd Scholarship is made possible by an endowment fund established by Dorothy S. Shepherd. It is awarded on the basis of academic performance and financial need. Three scholarships are awarded annually, one to a member of each class.

Christian D. Soronen Award for Excellence in Oral Advocacy was established in memory of Christian Soronen, a 2007 graduate of University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. The scholarship will be awarded to a third-year law student in good academic standing. The student must have been a member of a moot court travel team or selected to be a member of such a team during his or her third year. Third-year students who have been or will be a member of a mock trial team, alternative dispute resolution team and have competed in the Advanced Moot Court Competition are also eligible. Preference will be given to students who have excelled in inter-school and in-school competitions, members of the Moot Court Board, students enrolled in the Certificate in Advocacy program, and students who have otherwise demonstrated a commitment to the law school’s advocacy program.

Ratner and Sugarmon Scholarship is awarded annually to a second- or third-year student who, in the opinion of the Honors and Awards Committee, best exemplifies a commitment to the needs of the underrepresented in society.

The Judge Kay Spalding Robilio, Victor, Sr., and Cecilia R. Robilio Law Scholarship is awarded annually to a third-year law student.
Jerome Rosengarten Scholarship is made possible by an endowment fund established by Sheldon, Shelli and Anna Rosengarten, the son, wife, and granddaughter of Jerome Rosengarten. Mr. Rosengarten's legal career included service in the Judge Advocate General Corps during World War II and 62 years as an attorney in Memphis, TN. This scholarship is awarded to a second- or third-year student with a minimum grade point average of 3.0, with preference given to a student who is interested in pursuing a career in property or real estate law.

BankTennessee John S. Wilder Law School Scholarship is funded by BankTennessee, and named in honor of Tennessee’s late Lt. Governor John S. Wilder. Mr. Wilder graduated from the University of Memphis School of Law in 1957, served for forty-four years in the Tennessee Senate, including thirty-six years in the dual office of lieutenant governor and speaker, from January 1971 to January 2007. The scholarship in his name will be awarded to a third-year law student who, in the spirit of John S. Wilder, has a demonstrated commitment to public service and to enhancing the common good, is a resident of the State of Tennessee, and has been elected as a Section Editor for the Law Review of the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law.

Wilford Hayes Gowen Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Wilford Hayes Gowen, through the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina, in memory of Wilford Hayes Gowen. Hayes Gowen, a graduate of Southern Law School in the late 1930’s, founded the Law and Real Estate division for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This scholarship is awarded to a second- or third-year law student on the basis of academic performance, financial need, and personal industriousness.

Tennessee Bar Foundation IOLTA Scholarship will be awarded to a third year student who is a Tennessee resident and in good academic standing. Additional consideration will be given to students with a demonstrated concern for public interest law.

Rice Amundsen & Caperton, PLLC Family Law Scholarship is given to a returning student who exemplifies academic merit and has excelled in the course Family Law. In addition, the recipient will be offered a paid summer intern position with Rice, Amundsen & Caperton PLLC for the summer following the awarding of the scholarship.

Nahon Saharovich & Trotz PLC Law Firm Scholarship is given to a student who has shown an interest and desire to advocate for personal injury victims. Recipients must be in the top third of their class and/or a member of Law Review and/or past, present, or prearranged service in a judicial office. Preference is given to rising 3L’s.

Applicants may be requested to appear for an interview with representatives of the law school and the donors who provide the scholarship funding. Every attempt will be made to notify scholarship recipients by May 1 for the following academic year.

For additional information or questions about scholarships, please contact: