



Diverse Leaders Scholarship Program

CDLA is proud to announce its Diverse Leaders Scholarship Program with the goal of increasing diverse leadership within the CDLA. For the 2021-2022 year, CDLA's Board of Directors will select 2 individuals for admission into the program.

Individuals selected into the program will commit to serving CDLA for a two-year term by: **(a)** serving on the Professionalism & Education, Amicus or Legislative Committee; or **(b)** supporting the Conference Chair for the CDLA summer conference; or **(c)** assisting with CDLA's annual Trial Academy.

In return, CDLA will waive membership fees for the 2 years of the program and will pay registration and hotel fees for the member to attend CDLA's summer conference in the second year of the program.

To be eligible for the program the following requirements must be met:

- **If not a current member**, you will automatically be enrolled as a member for 2 years. To learn more about general membership requirements, please visit [CDLA Membership](#).
- **Be a Diverse Lawyer**, defined for the purpose of the Diverse Leader Scholarship Program to include the following: (1) veterans of the United States Armed Forces; (2) first generation college graduates; (3) persons who identify as disabled; (4) persons who attest that financial hardship prevents them from paying membership dues and/or attending the summer conference; (5) persons who identify as American Indian/Alaska Native/Indigenous, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino/Latinx, Asian/Pacific Islander, (6) persons who identify as LGBTQ+; and (7) persons who identify as female.

To apply: please email Bo Donegan at bo@codla.org with a *brief* statement of interest that includes the following: (a) an affirmation that you qualify as a "Diverse Lawyer" as defined above; and (b) a statement as to why CDLA should select you, and if selected how you intend to volunteer your time with CDLA. **Letters of Interest must be received by September 30, 2021. The CDLA board intends to select program members by November 8, 2021.**