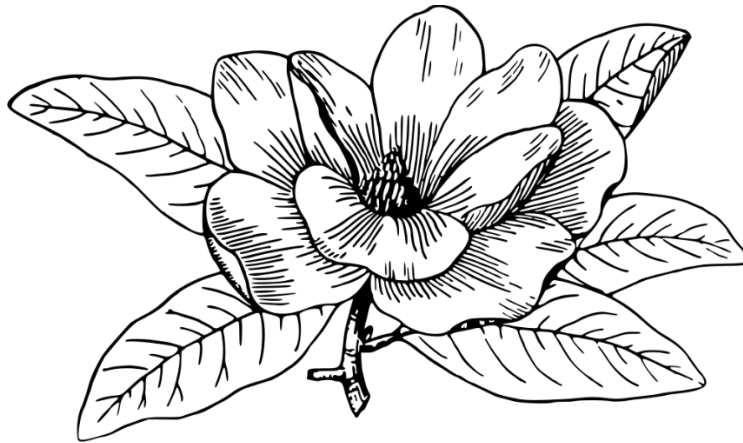


The Spencer Wright Law Firm, LLC Scholarship  
Magnolia Leaders Scholarship 2025



Guidelines

One (1) book scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 will be awarded to a graduating member of the Class of 2025 or recent college graduate. The recipient of the award will receive \$500.00 each fall semester for three consecutive academic years so long as they are still enrolled in law school at the time of the distribution of the award. The College Senior must attend a College or University located in Madison County, Alabama and must have been accepted to at least one law school, to be eligible to apply. A copy of the law school admission letter must be attached to the application.

- Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale, and plan to attend Law School in the Fall 2025 semester.
- A completed application must include the signed application and supporting documentation (law school admission letter), essay, resume, unofficial school transcript.
- The deadline for submission of the scholarship application is April 30, 2025 at 11:59 pm. No Exceptions.
- Applications can be either submitted electronically by email to [scholarship@spencer-wright.com](mailto:scholarship@spencer-wright.com); or mailed to:

Spencer Wright Law Firm, LLC Scholarship  
521 Madison Street SE, Suite 202  
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

Applications will be reviewed and recipients selected by members of the scholarship committee. The Scholarship will be awarded on May 30, 2025.

Spencer Wright Law Firm, LLC Magnolia Leaders Scholarship Application 2025

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please <b>type</b> or write your answers in <b>blue</b> or <b>black</b> ink.	
1.	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
2.	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: (____) _____ Email Address: _____
4.	Date of Birth:   Month           Day           Year           Gender:
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent school transcript is required. Unofficial Transcripts are acceptable.
6.	Are you the first person in your family to go to law school:   YES ___   NO ___
7.	<b>(If your resume or activities sheet answers question 7, feel free to attach and skip to Question 9. If not, please answer the questions here.)</b>  A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in College: _____ _____ _____  B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities: _____ _____ _____  C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community: _____ _____ _____
8.	A. If you have decided on which Law School you will attend, please list the school name: (Please attach a copy of your acceptance letter)  B. If not, list your top 3 law school choices: _____ _____

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

9.	Intended Legal Practice Area: _____
10.	List Career Choice: _____

**12. Please answer the following question (your response must be no less than two (2) typewritten pages, and no more than five (5) typewritten double-spaced pages, 1 inch margins, and the font may be no larger than 12-font:**

You may conduct a comparative analysis of similar/relevant cases to support your position. Please note that your essay will be evaluated partly on your ability to persuasively support your position and your ability to present your position in a cogent manner addressing applicable legal issues when appropriate. Secondary source citations must be provided.

Qualified immunity is an affirmative defense that shields state and local government officials from liability in civil rights lawsuits even when they have violated the plaintiffs' rights. When qualified immunity is asserted, the plaintiff has the burden of showing that the right in question was "clearly established" by controlling case law in the relevant jurisdiction.

Roland Edger, a mechanic in Huntsville, was charged with obstructing governmental operations after police were called to a church parking lot where he was fixing a customer's car at night in 2019. Officers arrived and asked Edger for his driver's license. Mr. Edger refused and was arrested for failure to comply. He filed a civil rights lawsuit alleging false arrest in violation of his Fourth Amendment rights against 'unlawful searches and seizures' and a state law false arrest claim after the City of Huntsville dropped the charges. In his civil rights lawsuit, the district court ruled the officers were protected from civil liability due to qualified immunity. Edger appealed and the 10<sup>th</sup> US Judicial Circuit ruled in Edger favor stating that the officers did not meet the requirements for qualified immunity.

Criminal Defense attorneys have long argued that qualified immunity should be abolished because it protects rogue officers from accountability for their bad behavior. This lack of accountability continues to erode the public's trust in law enforcement.

**Question: Issues:** (1) Whether qualified immunity for government officials should be more narrowly construed in application; and (2) If so, how what changes level of scrutiny should courts apply to protect both the public's civil rights and an law enforcement officer's rights?

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS**

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must be present at any potential awards ceremony, surprise, or reception to receive my scholarship award.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

**Signature of scholarship applicant:**

**Date:**

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**Checklist**

- Application
- Law School Admission Letter (copy)
- Essay
- Resume/Activity Sheet
- Unofficial School Transcript

**MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE TO THE COMMITTEE AT:**

Email: [scholarship@spencer-wright.com](mailto:scholarship@spencer-wright.com)

Or

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