



THE ALEXANDER G. GRAY, JR. SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
OF THE
THE MASSACHUSETTS LGBTQ BAR ASSOCIATION
2017-2018 Academic Year

The Massachusetts LGBTQ Bar Association (“the Mass. LGBTQ Bar”) is pleased to announce its tenth annual Alexander G. Gray, Jr. Scholarship Award in the amount of **\$3,500**. The Scholarship will be awarded to one law student for the 2017-2018 academic year to defray the costs associated with law school, such as tuition, fees, books, and similar school-related expenses.

Alexander “Alec” G. Gray, Jr. was a dynamic and important contributor to the work of the Mass. LGBTQ Bar. He served on the Mass. LGBTQ Bar (then, MLGBA) Board from 2002 until 2005. He was an energetic participant in the Bar’s mentor program. He was serious about mentoring LGBTQ law students and new lawyers and developed lasting relationships with his mentees, formal and informal. Alec will long be remembered for his dedication to public service, his advocacy on behalf of children, and his deep commitment to all that he undertook. In his legal career, Alec remained dedicated to public service. He served as an Assistant Attorney General, as General Counsel to the Department of Social Services, as Executive Director of the Adoption Center and as Chief Operating Officer of Concord-Assabet Family and Adolescent Services, and as General Counsel to the Trial Court. Alec died on August 15, 2005, after a brief and courageous struggle with melanoma. This Scholarship honors Alec’s outstanding work as a lawyer and his dedication to the Mass. LGBTQ Bar—particularly his mentorship of new lawyers.

Founded in 1985, the Mass. LGBTQ Bar is a state-wide professional association of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer lawyers and our allies providing a visible LGBTQ presence within the Massachusetts legal community. The Mass. LGBTQ Bar is open to all members of the legal profession, including practicing lawyers, judges, law professors, students, and paralegals. The Mass. LGBTQ Bar devotes its energy and resources to a variety of civic and professional activities at the local, state, and national levels. For more information about the Mass. LGBTQ Bar, please see our website, www.masslgbtqbar.org.

The Alexander G. Gray, Jr. Scholarship Award will be awarded each academic year to a law student who demonstrates a commitment to and involvement in the LGBTQ community, leadership, maturity, and responsibility. Other indicia of excellence (including positive personal, professional or academic traits) will also be considered. The Mass. LGBTQ Bar Board of Directors will select the recipient of the scholarship, based on recommendations by the Alexander G. Gray, Jr. Scholarship Committee, a subset of the Mass. LGBTQ Bar Outreach Committee.

To apply for and be eligible for the Scholarship, candidates must meet all of the terms and conditions set forth below and **must complete and return the Application Form, by email, to: Elizabeth A. Roberts, Esq. (eroberts@robertssauer.com)**, along with all required submissions (see below). **All materials must be received on or before 5pm on Monday, March 13, 2016 for consideration.** Finalists may be interviewed by one or more members of the Scholarship Committee. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Roberts at the above email address or at 857-228-0727. [Next Page]

The 2017-2018 recipient of the Alexander G. Gray, Jr. Scholarship Award will be announced at the Mass. LGBTQ Bar Annual Dinner on May 11, 2017. The recipient must attend the Mass. LGBTQ Bar Annual Dinner to accept the Scholarship award in person.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE MASS. LGBTQ BAR SCHOLARSHIP

To be eligible to receive the Alexander G. Gray, Jr. Scholarship Award, a candidate must:

1. Be enrolled for the 2017-2018 academic year and be in good standing at a law school in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;
2. Be a student member of the Mass. LGBTQ Bar. Student membership is complimentary, and membership applications (available at www.masslgbtqbar.org) may be submitted with scholarship materials;
3. Submit one (1) letter of recommendation written by a person not related to the candidate, preferably a professor, employer, or work colleague. The letter should address the candidate's eligibility for the Gray Scholarship, including community service, leadership, maturity and responsibility, as well as other qualifications to receive the award;
4. Complete the Application Form, and return it, by mail or email, along with a law school transcript (unofficial is acceptable), a resume, and letter of recommendation, to Elizabeth A. Roberts, Esq. (eroberts@robertssauer.com). All materials must be **received on or before 5pm on Monday, March 13, 2017.**

The recipient of the scholarship will be selected by the Board of Directors of the Mass. LGBTQ Bar, upon the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee.

Officers and voting directors of the Mass. LGBTQ Bar and members of the Scholarship Committee, and their immediate family members, are ineligible for the Scholarship.

All application materials submitted will become the property of the Mass. LGBTQ Bar.



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APPLICATION FORM

2017-2018

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

There are three parts to this application form. Part I requires certain biographical information. Part II requires short answers to questions aimed at learning more about the applicant. Part III requires certain documentary attachments. All completed applications should be submitted such that they are **received on or before 5pm on Monday, March 13, 2017**, by: **Elizabeth A. Roberts, Esq.** (eroberts@robertssauer.com). Incomplete applications will not be considered.

I. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Preferred pronoun: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Day: _____ Evening: _____

E-mail: _____

Law School: _____

Expected Year of Law School Graduation: _____

(Note: You must be enrolled in law school for the 2017-2018 school year to be eligible.)

Are you a member of the Mass. LGBTQ Bar? _____

If so, since when have you been a member? _____

[Please turn over]

II. SHORT ESSAY QUESTIONS (kindly limit your answers to one to two paragraphs in length (250-500 words); please type answers below or attach a page to this application form)

1. List and briefly describe your activities in or commitments to the LGBTQ community. To provide the committee with a better understanding of all aspects of your activities, please also include activities and commitments that are not included on your current resume.
2. As a future lawyer, how do you think you can best contribute to the LGBTQ community?
3. Please briefly describe how you would utilize the funds, if awarded to you.

III. OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (please attach to this application form)

- Completed Mass. LGBTQ Bar membership application (if not already a member)
- Your current résumé
- Transcript or Evaluations from your law school (unofficial is acceptable)
- Recommendation from a professor, employer, or work colleague (not related to you)

Certification

I have read and understand all of the terms and conditions of the Alexander G. Gray, Jr. Scholarship Award. I understand and acknowledge that I must be enrolled at least half time and in good standing at a law school in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts during the 2017-2018 academic year to be eligible for and receive the award. I also understand and acknowledge that I must be a student member in good standing of the Mass. LGBTQ Bar to be eligible to receive the award.

I understand and acknowledge that I must comply with all the stated terms and conditions of the Scholarship and that my failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the entire Scholarship award. I understand that the officers and voting directors of the Mass. LGBTQ Bar and members of the Mass. LGBTQ Bar Scholarship Committee, and their immediate family members, are ineligible for the Scholarship award, and I hereby certify that I am not ineligible for the Scholarship on the foregoing basis.

I understand that all materials submitted to the Mass. LGBTQ Bar will become the property of the Mass. LGBTQ Bar, which will handle submissions with discretion, but which reserves the right to issue public announcements regarding the winner of the Scholarship award and to publish the winner's essay and/or other information about the winner. If selected for the award, and if I desire to preserve privacy with respect to information I shared that may be personal in nature, I will promptly so notify the chair of the Scholarship committee in writing and the Mass. LGBTQ Bar will endeavor to respect that request.

I certify that all of the information submitted with and all of the statements made in this application or in any document attached hereto are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge as of the date signed below. I certify that the essay attached hereto was written solely by me and is my original work.

(Signature or e-Signature)

(Date)