

InclusiveSkies Foundation

Bessie Coleman Scholarship

★ Criteria and Requirements

The InclusiveSkies Foundation is proud to offer the Bessie Coleman Scholarship to support aspiring legal professionals who are committed to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion within the aviation law field. This scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance to a law student or recent graduate with a demonstrated interest in aviation law, helping them cover the cost of a bar preparation course as they prepare for their bar exam.

What the Winner Receives:

- Coverage of the cost of a reputable bar preparation course or related bar preparation expense up to \$2,500.00:
- Recognition as a scholarship recipient, with opportunity to attend the Lawyer-Pilot Bar Association Winter 2025 Conference in Louisville, Kentucky from March 12, 2025 through March 16, 2024 with travel and accommodations: and
- A one-year student membership to the Lawyer-Pilot Bar Association.

By investing in future leaders, the InclusiveSkies Foundation is committed to fostering a more diverse, inclusive, and representative legal profession, ensuring that every voice has the opportunity to soar.

1. Eligibility Criteria:

- **Enrollment:** Must be a current law student enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school or a recent graduate (within the last 12 months) preparing to take the bar exam.
- **Interest in Aviation Law:** Demonstrate a clear interest in pursuing a career in aviation law, evidenced through coursework, internships, extracurricular activities, or research.
- **Diversity Commitment:** Show a strong commitment to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the legal field, particularly in aviation law.
- **Academic Standing:** Must be in good academic standing with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (or its equivalent).
- **Financial Need:** Preference will be given to applicants who can demonstrate financial need.

2. Application Requirements:

- **Personal Statement (500-1000 words):**
 - Discuss your career goals in aviation law and your passion for advancing diversity and inclusion in this field.
 - Explain how the scholarship will impact your ability to prepare for and take the bar exam.
 - Share any relevant experiences in leadership, advocacy, or involvement in women's or diversity-related initiatives in law.
- **Resume/CV:** A detailed resume highlighting your educational background, relevant experiences in aviation law, and any leadership or volunteer roles.
- **Unofficial Transcript:** Provide a current unofficial transcript from your law school.
- **Letter of Recommendation:** At least one letter from a professor, legal professional, or mentor who can speak to your qualifications, commitment to aviation law, and leadership in diversity and inclusion efforts.
- **Proof of Bar Exam Registration:** Proof of registration or intent to register for the next scheduled bar exam.

3. Selection Process:

- **Evaluation Criteria:** Applicants will be judged based on their demonstrated interest in aviation law, committed to diversity and inclusion, leadership skills, academic performance, and financial need.
- **Interview (optional):** Finalists may be required to participate in a short virtual interview with the scholarship committee.

4. Scholarship Amount and Coverage:

- The scholarship will cover the full cost of a reputable bar preparation course (up to a maximum amount determined by the board). Additional consideration may be given for associated expenses like study materials.

5. Deadline:

- Applications must be submitted by December 31, 2024, and the scholarship will be awarded by January 31, 2025 ahead of the bar exam period.
- Applications must be submitted by email to ragland@aerolawcenter.com.

6. Terms of Scholarship:

- Recipients are expected to serve as ambassadors for InclusiveSkies Foundation and engage in one or more outreach activities (such as mentorship, writing an article, or speaking at an event) within a year of receiving the scholarship.