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Dear Students,

The Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society is now accepting submissions for the 2026 Pre-Law Student Scholarship. Please see below for details about this year's scholarship.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc. ("Martinet Society") Annual Scholarship Competition is designed to encourage students to express their views on a pre-selected topic. The contest gives pre-law students an opportunity to obtain some financial support to continue their education.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION?

This scholarship competition is open to undergraduate pre-law students at Xavier University of Louisiana, Dillard University, and Southern University of New Orleans.

COMPETITION RULES AND DEADLINE

- All essays must be typewritten in 12-point font and double-spaced with margins no smaller than one (1) inch not to exceed 1,000 words.
- All entries must also include a personal statement, typewritten in 12-point font and double-spaced with margins no smaller than one (1) inch not to exceed 100 words.
- Each entry should have a cover sheet. The cover sheet must contain the name of each student, his/her local mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, school, classification, and involvement in any pre-law activities.
- Each submission must be accompanied by the applicant's resume.
- All submissions must be electronically submitted to the Gala Committee email: gnomartinetgala@gmail.com and must include Subject Line: 2026 Annual Scholarship Competition Submission by [your name].

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ENTRY: SEPTEMBER 4, 2026 5 PM
(CST).**

AWARDS

Each scholarship recipient will be given one (1) ticket to attend the 2026 Annual Scholarship Gala. At least three (3) scholarships will be awarded. Scholarships are funded by the New Orleans Martinet Legal Foundation, Inc., the 501(c)(3) non-profit branch of the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc.

TOPIC FOR THE 2026 MARTINET ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Please write an essay on the topic of why you are interested in pursuing a career in the law, and the impact you plan to have when you become a lawyer.

GRADING CRITERIA

Each essay will be graded on the following:

1. **Content and Relevance:** Evaluates how well the student addresses the topic, including the depth and relevance of their reasons for choosing a legal career. 15 points.
2. **Argumentative Structure:** Evaluates the organization of the essay. The essay should have a clear introduction, body, and conclusion, with each part contributing coherently to the overall argument about their future in law. 15 points.
3. **Writing Quality:** Evaluates the quality of the essay, including the clarity, grammar, style, and adherence to academic standards of essay writing. The student's ability to write clearly and correctly will reflect their preparedness for the rigorous writing expected in law school. 15 points.
4. **Persuasiveness and Impact:** Evaluates the persuasiveness of their reason for practicing law. This includes how compellingly they present their case for why they are suited to a legal career and the potential impact they envision having. 5 points.

We look forward to reading the amazing essays you submit. Please reach out should you have any questions, cares, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Michael Harrison
President