



Business Law Section of the Florida Bar

JOINT TASK FORCE OF THE MEMBERSHIP AND INCLUSION MENTORING FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEES

BLS SCHOLAR INITIATIVE PROGRAM

1. Goal and Objectives

- a. To have 2-4 law students from each of the twelve Florida law schools attend the BLS Labor Day Retreat each year as “ambassadors” of their respective law schools.
- b. To continue the Membership and Inclusion Mentoring Fellowship Committees’ efforts to infuse and capture a diverse group of future young lawyers to our Section by learning, mingling and socializing at the retreat and, hopefully, share a positive experience with others to encourage involvement and membership with the Section.

2. Qualifications and Requirements

- a. Scholars will be required to:
 - i. Attend at least two (2) substantive committee meetings; and
 - ii. Attend the Inclusion/Mentoring/Diversity Committee.
- b. Scholars may split their time and attend two committee meetings that meet during the same time period; however, it will count as only attending one meeting in regards to the requirement that you attend at least the three (3) committee meetings above.
- c. Scholars are also required to attend the Membership Committee/First Retreat Meet-n-Greet.
- d. Scholars must attend the above meetings in order to maintain their title as “Scholar” and receive their joint financial benefits from the Section and their respective law school.

- e. Scholars must provide feedback of their experience through their mentors within a week after the retreat.
- f. Scholars must enjoy themselves and, most importantly, also have a good time at the retreat.

3. BLS Fellow Mentors

- a. BLS Fellows, in addition to their other requirements in maintaining their two-year fellowships, will serve as mentors for the Scholars.
- b. BLS Fellows must attend “First Retreat Meet-n-Greet” to introduce themselves to their designated Scholar.
- c. BLS Fellows shall assist Scholars with their selection of the committees to attend.
- d. BLS Fellows shall guide the Scholars in all social events and networking, and ensuring that Scholars enjoy themselves and have a positive experience at the Retreat.

4. Budget and Costs

- a. Registration cost for each of the Scholars will be split evenly by Membership and Inclusion Mentoring Fellowship Committees. Yearly budget for the Program should be allotted for a total amount of no less than \$13,200.00 (\$275 x 48 Scholars) to be divided 50/50 by both Committees.
- b. Scholars will be responsible for securing their own travel and lodging arrangements, as well as all meals and incidentals not covered by the registration. Law schools will be encouraged, but are not required, to subsidize these costs for the Scholar ambassadors.