

Brooklyn Law School Scholarships and Grants

PART I – SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT GUIDELINES

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Brooklyn Law School Merit Scholarship Program provides scholarship assistance to entering students from whom we expect outstanding academic achievement. The Prince, Carswell, Richardson, Lisle, and Glasser scholarships are awarded annually, as well as Dean’s Merit scholarships when funds are available. Awards are based on scholastic accomplishment and demonstrated aptitude for the study of law.

Merit scholarships are renewable provided the student maintains a required cumulative academic rank. Students whose law school academic performance is extraordinary may be eligible to receive a larger merit scholarship after the first year.

A portion of your merit scholarship may be funded from one of the Law School’s named scholarships. Each year we award a number of named scholarships established largely through the generosity of our alumni and friends. If you are selected, you will be notified during the fall semester.

NEED-BASED GRANTS

Brooklyn Law School awards need-based grants to entering students who have significant unmet need after being awarded merit scholarships. Need-based grants are also awarded to students who have significant unmet need and who enter the law school without merit scholarships. Need-Based grants are awarded by the Office of Financial Aid, and these grants are renewed each subsequent year of enrollment. For more information, go to [BLS CONNECT](#). Students should contact the Office of Financial Aid at fa.app@brooklaw.edu or call the office at 718.780.7915 if the student’s merit scholarships are not renewed and the student has questions about our need-based grant process.

SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT DISBURSEMENT

Brooklyn Law School scholarships and grants are tuition-specific and cannot exceed the cost of tuition each semester. Scholarships and grants are divided equally between the fall and spring semesters.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL

Eligibility for renewal of merit scholarships is determined by the student’s cumulative academic rank at the end of their first year. Merit scholarships will be renewed if a student maintains a cumulative academic rank within the top 80% of the student’s graduating class (i.e., all 3-year and 4-year program students with a common anticipated graduation date). If the scholarship is renewed after the first spring semester, the student will keep the scholarship for the rest of the time the student is attending Brooklyn Law School.

For merit scholarship renewal purposes only, 4-year program students will be ranked with 3-year program students who entered the law school in the same enrollment year.

If a student falls below the upper 80% of their class at the end of the first spring semester, the student's merit scholarship will not be renewed while attending Brooklyn Law School. If a student's merit scholarship is not renewed, we encourage the student to apply for a need-based grant. See the need-based grant paragraph above.

While we believe this minimum rank is generous, it nevertheless is exact. Rounding a rank is not permissible for merit scholarship renewal.

Grades earned in the summer session between the last completed spring semester and the upcoming fall semester are not considered in determining academic rank eligibility for scholarship renewal. Changes in rank that occur in the summer as a result of student attrition between the end of the spring semester and the start of the next fall semester are not considered for scholarship renewal.

A new program is available for rising 2L students who lose their scholarships at the end of their first year. Students will now have the opportunity to have their scholarships reinstated for their third year. For detailed information on this program, see [BLS CONNECT](#).

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP RETENTION DATA

Students Matriculating In:	Number Entering with Conditional Scholarships:	Number Whose Conditional Scholarships Have Since Been Eliminated:
2022-2023: 393	365	61
2021-2022: 422	390	73
2020-2023: 411	394	74

REWARD FOR EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT

At the end of each spring semester, Brooklyn Law School rewards merit scholars who perform substantially better than the top 80%.

Specifically, students who entered the law school with a Carswell, Richardson, Lisle, or Glasser Scholarship and who rank in the upper 2% of their class at the end of the spring semester will be upgraded to receive a Prince Scholarship.

Students who entered with a Richardson, Lisle, or Glasser Scholarship and who rank in the upper 5% of their class at the end of the spring semester will be upgraded to receive a Carswell Scholarship.

Students who entered with a Lisle or Glasser Scholarship and who rank in the upper 10% of their class at the end of the spring semester will be upgraded to receive a Richardson scholarship.

Scholarship upgrades are limited to the dollar amount of full tuition each semester. No other upgrades are permissible. No rounding of rank is permissible.

THE DEAN'S RECOGNITION SCHOLARSHIP

Students who enter Brooklyn Law School without a merit scholarship will be awarded a Dean's Recognition Scholarship for their second year, provided that they finish the spring semester of the first year with a *cumulative rank* that places them within the upper 10% of their graduating class (for full-time students), or the upper 10% of their first-year entering class (for part-time students).

DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES

To secure your scholarship, you need only comply with your seat deposit, tuition down payment, and, if applicable, housing deposit deadlines. Missing any of these deadlines may result in forfeiture of your merit scholarship and possibly your seat in the entering class. If you believe you have extenuating circumstances and would like to discuss a payment deadline or seek an extension, please contact the [OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS](#)

PART II - SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS

Prince Scholarship

This scholarship honors Jerome Prince, Brooklyn Law School's longtime dean and professor of law. Dean Prince's dedicated service to Brooklyn Law School and the legal community—as teacher, scholar, administrator and public servant—spanned over fifty years. As a member of the faculty beginning in 1934, as dean from 1953 to 1971, and as trustee until 1988, he played a major role in guiding the school in providing superior academic and professional training. Jerome Prince was considered the preeminent authority on evidence in the State of New York.

Carswell Scholarship

This scholarship honors William B. Carswell, a distinguished Justice of the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court, who served as dean of Brooklyn Law School from 1945 to 1953. Under Dean Carswell's leadership, Brooklyn Law School survived the financially difficult post-war years. Enrollment increased dramatically and the school moved into a new era of great prosperity.

Richardson Scholarship

This scholarship honors William Payson Richardson, the co-founder of Brooklyn Law School and dean from 1901 to 1945. Dean Richardson was a distinguished legal scholar. The updated edition of his most notable work, *Richardson on Evidence*, is still a leading text.

Lisle Scholarship

This scholarship honors Raymond E. Lisle, Brooklyn Law School's dean from 1971 to 1977. Dean Lisle was a former Foreign Service Officer who, over a twenty-two-year career, served in the United States Department of State in many capacities, including Deputy Assistant Secretary of State and Director of Relations with Eastern

Europe. During his tenure as dean, Brooklyn Law School was accepted as a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

Glasser Scholarship

This scholarship honors I. Leo Glasser, the dean of Brooklyn Law School from 1977 to 1982. As a full-time member of the faculty from 1950 to 1969, he was revered for his inspiring teaching. As dean, he promoted curricular reform, deepened the school's commitment to clinical education, launched the annual fund drive, and began out-of-state recruitment of students. Since 1982, he has served as a judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

Dean's Merit Scholarship

This scholarship is merit-based and augments the scholarships above. Its purpose is to provide further financial assistance to our highest caliber entering students.