



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

College of Law

# DIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM



## NIU LAW AND NEIU

### OUR MISSION

The Northern Illinois University College of Law – Northeastern Illinois University Diversity Scholars Program was established to help further NIU Law's commitment to enhancing diversity in the legal profession.

The Diversity Scholars Program prepares NEIU students to be successful in the law school application process and introduces them to the rigors of a legal education through programming and mentorship.

The program's curriculum is designed to help instill student confidence and combat 'imposter syndrome,' a noted issue among African American and Hispanic college students due to lack of educational and social exposure.

## THE PROGRAM

### THREE YEAR BREAKDOWN

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Scholars begin in their sophomore year with programming, LSAT prep, being matched with a mentor, and three-year planning.

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Scholars will attend an immersive field trip visit to NIU Law while continuing to focus on LSAT prep and the components of a strong law school application.

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Scholars will finalize application materials to apply to law schools during the fall semester. The program ends with a recognition ceremony.



*The Diversity Scholars Program seeks to increase the number of academically qualified diverse students enrolled in law schools by working to minimize barriers for historically underrepresented groups.*

### APPLICATIONS

Scholars are provided with LSAT prep materials and given guidance throughout the development of their law school applications.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, one admitted scholar will receive the **NIU Law NEIU Scholar Award**, an annual scholarship created to help offset NIU Law tuition costs.

### MENTORSHIP

Scholars are individually paired with a mentor from their field of interest at the beginning of the program.