

Nelson Mullins

2025 Dick Riley Scholarship Program

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP is pleased to announce its 2025 Dick Riley Scholarship Program. The program is designed to recognize exceptional law students who are committed to advancing diversity, equity and social justice in and through the legal profession.

Named for Nelson Mullins Senior Partner Dick Riley – former Governor of South Carolina and Secretary of the US Department of Education – these scholarships recognize future lawyers who, through their experiences and interests, demonstrate a commitment to advancing diversity and equity based upon a wide array of potential areas, including race, ethnicity, gender, poverty, sexual orientation, and more. This Program reflects our deep commitment to both the value of diversity and to the role of law in advancing social justice, such as through our Nelson Mullins Pro Bono Team and programs.

Recipients will receive a \$10,000 scholarship and a paid summer associate position at one of the Firm's 30 offices. (Placement will be determined on a case-by-case basis.) The scholarship may be used toward law school tuition, fees and selected school-related costs such as books and course materials. Up to five scholarships will be awarded for the summer associate class of 2025.

This merit based program is open to 2L students in a full-time JD program (with expected graduation in 2026). Applicants are considered across several factors, including:

- Academic achievement at an ABA accredited law school
- Excellent writing, research, and interpersonal skills (including an ability to work in and lead diverse groups, recognize and understand multiple perspectives, and promote collaboration)
- Not a recipient of a similar diversity scholarship from another law firm for the same time period
- Commitment to spend at least eight weeks with the firm as a summer associate
- Commitment to advancing diversity, equity, and social justice as demonstrated by experiences and essay responses

The selection process coincides with Nelson Mullins' regular summer associate recruiting process. Awardees will be chosen by the Scholarship Selection Committee and will receive the scholarship award following successful completion of the Firm's 2025 summer associate program. Additional information regarding the application process with respect to the scholarship opportunity will be provided to all 2L students invited for a Firm interview.

The Firm offers qualified 2L students who are selected a **\$10,000 scholarship and a paid summer associate position.**