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What is it?

The Thurgood Marshall Clerkship Program is a highly competitive program that places first and second year law students from historically under-represented populations within divisions of the Maryland Office of the Attorney General. The Program is a collaborative effort of the Office of the Attorney General, several local law firms, and area law schools designed to attract diverse law students who demonstrate exceptional leadership potential to the field of public service. The goal is to encourage these students to consider public sector service during their legal careers by providing them with an excellent summer clerkship that enhances their future employment opportunities.

How does the program work?

Selected participants will serve in one of the several divisions of the Office of the Attorney General. The clerkship program is 10 weeks and law clerks are expected to work 40 hours per week. Law clerks are also expected to attend all Program-related events which will be communicated prior to the start of the program.

Are accepted students paid?

Each student will receive a stipend of no less than \$8,000 for the summer clerkship.

How do I submit an application?

Students must submit a completed application form, essay, resumé, and a copy of their law school transcripts (no transcript links please).

The application can be found on the Office of the Attorney General's website www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov. Applications, essays, and resumés must be submitted by email to thurgoodmarshall@oag.state.md.us no later than 11:59 p.m. on January 9, 2026. Please include your name in the subject line. In the event that your school has not released your transcript by January 9th, an official copy of your transcript must be submitted within one week of its availability.

When will offers be made?

Semifinalists will be invited for an interview before final selections are made. Offers will be made by the end of February of 2026. Questions about the program or application process can be directed to Zenita Hurley at zhurley@oag.state.md.us.

Which law firms participated in the Thurgood Marshall Clerkship Program in 2024?

Baker Donelson	Ballard Spahr
Baxter, Baker, Sidle, Conn & Jones, PA	Beveridge & Diamond, PC
Gordon Feinblatt, LLC	Harris Jones Malone, LLC
Jackson Lewis, PC	Kramon & Graham, PA
Lawrence & Bundy, LLC	Mayer Brown
McGuire Woods	Miles & Stockbridge, PC
Saul Ewing, LLP	Shapiro Sher
Shawe Rosenthal, LLP	Venable, LLP
Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP	

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