

Thurgood Marshall Graduate Award

Application Form Overview

The Graduate School is pleased to announce the Thurgood Marshall Graduate Award, honoring the life and work of the first African American U.S. Supreme Court Justice. This award aligns closely with the intent of the national Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Program and acknowledges Marshall's life-long commitment to civil rights and effecting change. The Thurgood Marshall Scholarship is intended to support the retention of meritorious graduate students whose accomplishments and activities demonstrate leadership, service, and commitment to fostering a just and equitable community.

In the online application form, be prepared to provide the following information:

1. Was the nominee admitted for graduate study through the domestic student application?
2. Is the nominee a full-time, graduate degree-seeking student in an OSU doctoral program, OR, in an OSU master's program where a doctoral degree does not exist at OSU?
3. Will the nominee have successfully completed at least 3 graduate credits toward their current graduate degree in each of the 3 academic terms directly preceding this nomination (minimum of 9 credits) by the time the award will be administered?
4. Does the nominee have a GPA of 3.0 or above?
5. Is the nominee making satisfactory academic progress?
6. Nominee
 - a. First name
 - b. Last name
 - c. Student ID
 - d. degree type
 - e. College
 - f. Program
 - g. OSU email
7. Nominator
 - a. First name
 - b. Last name
 - c. OSU email
 - d. Title/position at OSU
 - e. Award contact first name
 - f. Award contact last name
 - g. Award contact OSU email
8. A statement from the nominee (*1 page maximum*) that speaks to the following areas:
 - a. Their academic merit and intellectual vitality
 - b. A discussion of their skills, knowledge, and previous experiences and how those contribute/will contribute to fostering an inclusive and diverse university community
 - c. How this award will support them in their graduate studies
9. A nominating letter (*1 page maximum*) from college leadership or the nominee's major professor, unit chair/head addressing the following:
 - a. The nominee's previous academic success, scholarly potential, and the potential to grow and succeed in graduate studies
 - b. The nominee's life experiences and background including the diversity and richness of an individual's background and the value those bring to the academic context
 - c. The nominee's commitment, persistence, and leadership including personal resolve, dedication, and initiative

10. Copy of nominee's résumé/CV

**The information on this handout is subject to change at any time. Please review the award page and nomination form for the most current award information/requirements. All nominations must be submitted electronically through Qualtrics*