

The King Scholarship Program at MSU Law

King Scholarship Program Requirements

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Requirements to Stay in the Program

In order to stay in the program, each participating student must complete the required academic courses and activities from the time that the student enters the program until graduation, including maintenance of a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or above for students who matriculated prior to Fall 2005 and a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 or above for students matriculating Fall 2005 or after for each semester and achievement of at least a grade of B in the third-year seminar.

Benefits to the Participating Students

- reduced tuition;
- many opportunities for small group discussion regarding law and law-related matters;
- heightened intellectual challenges and engagement in professional activities; and
- recognition at the honors convocation and on students' transcripts.

Program Content

First-year Program

All 1L Scholars

Participating students will meet once a month throughout the year to hear selected speakers or visit courtrooms, as arranged by the program coordinator. Speakers will be professors discussing policies or principles in more depth than might be expected in first-year courses. There also might be sessions at which the Dean could discuss broader issues of legal education and public policy, or at which the leaders of student organizations such as the Moot Court & Advocacy Board and the *Michigan State Law Review* will discuss their programs and encourage program participants to join and assume a leadership role in these organizations.

Students also will have the opportunity to visit a courtroom. The program coordinator will prearrange the trip with the judge for motion day or for a day when an interesting case is being tried. Ideally, the coordinator would also arrange for the students to meet with the judge after viewing court proceedings so as to be able to discuss with him or her what was observed.

Participating students will be encouraged to participate in the Moot Court & Advocacy Board, *Michigan State Law Review*, *Michigan State Journal of International Law*, or *Michigan State Journal of Medicine & Law*.

Students also may participate in a one-credit book discussion group held during the second semester.

Second-year Program

All 2L Scholars, regardless when admitted into Program

Participants will receive an Introduction to Jurisprudence course taught by the program coordinator during their third semester. Two credit hours will be awarded upon the completion of the course.

The monthly meetings will continue but the emphasis will be on speakers from the broader legal community who can discuss their jobs or particular areas of expertise.

In the second semester, participating students will begin the process of choosing a topic and a mentor from the faculty for their senior paper. Each student will be required to submit a written proposal and to obtain the approval of the faculty project director. The long lead time should allow students the opportunities to conduct research and to discuss topics with professors over the summer.

Third-year Program

All 3L Scholars

Participating third-year students will be assigned as mentors to first-year participating students.

Each participating student will be required to take a special senior seminar in their final semester that will entail writing and presentation of a paper. Each student will lead a session of the seminar during which his or her topic is discussed. The paper will be graded with the understanding that the quality of the writing will be component in arriving at a grade. The students' presentation skills will be a component of the final grade. Each student who completes the seminar will receive two hours credit. This paper can be used to satisfy the upper-level writing requirement if so approved by the Director of the program.