



STUDENT LAW ACADEMY

PRE-LAW FELLOWSHIP



Who We Are

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Foundation ([KCMBF](#)), in partnership with local education non-profit organization, [PREP-KC](#), created Student Law Academy (SLA) in 2019. SLA aspires to serve as a future pipeline to diversify Kansas City's legal community.

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide underserved urban high school students, who would not otherwise have the opportunity, meaningful exposure to careers in the legal profession and a broad overview of the legal system.

What We Do

SLA collaborates with local law firms, courts, and other legal entities to provide students a dynamic, paid summer program. SLA works within PREP-KC's six school districts and three charter schools (Allen Village, Center, Independence, KCKPS, KCPS, Grandview, Guadalupe Center, and Hickman) to select juniors and seniors in high school as SLA Scholars.

Pre-Law Fellowship Details

In order to further remove barriers to the legal profession, a Pre-Law Fellowship is being developed to provide funds to graduates of the high school SLA program for often prohibitive expenses, such as:

- LSAT prep course registration
- LSAT fees
- law school application expenses
- reporting fees
- seat deposits
- bar exam fees

Participation in the fellowship will also include attorney mentors, application assistance, interview preparation, letters of recommendation, and networking opportunities. With the 2019 SLA Scholars approaching college graduation, the goal is to implement this additional component by next year. We hope the Student Law Academy will become a statewide resource for legal talent and a national model for pre-law pipelines.

We believe this fellowship will really impact the lives of many individuals, both those who matriculate from the program and the citizens they go on to serve.

Additional Resources:

- Student Law Academy website: kcmbf.org/sla
- Link to the *You Can Be A Lawyer* video, featuring several federal judges: <https://vimeo.com/481017358>
- Link to The Missouri Bar Annual Meeting Address by Supreme Court of Missouri Chief Justice, Paul C. Wilson. He mentions Student Law Academy at minute 17: <https://youtu.be/KM2-grzHHNA>