

**THE AVON THOMAS MORGAN III
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

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OF NEW JERSEY SCHOLARSHIPS 501(c)(3)**



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GENERAL INFORMATION

The County Prosecutor's Association of New Jersey Foundation Scholarships 501(c)(3) is a non-profit corporation which annually awards scholarships to law students and college and graduate students.

Each scholarship is a one-year grant in the amount of \$3,500 paid directly to the recipient. Persons may not reapply for succeeding years.

To be eligible, an applicant must be a New Jersey resident accepted for admission to a law school. The applicant must be a diverse candidate and have an interest in and commitment to serving as a career prosecutor. The applicant must be a member of an underrepresented group consistent with New Jersey Attorney General Guideline Promoting Diversity in Law Enforcement (December 7, 2021). The applicant must also demonstrate financial need.

Applications must be postmarked or emailed by July 17, 2026. Personal interviews of finalists may be conducted. Applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision in August 2026. Please use the following link to download a copy of the application: <https://ocponj.gov/cpanjscholarshipapp/>.

Applications should be sent to:

**THE AVON THOMAS MORGAN III MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
c/o Prosecutor Bradley D. Billhimer
Ocean County Prosecutor's Office
119 Hooper Avenue
P. O. Box 2191
Toms River, New Jersey 08754-2191**

OR

Emailed to:
nmoncrief@co.ocean.nj.us

Avon Thomas Morgan III (1984 - 2022)

Avon Thomas Morgan III was born on March 1, 1984 in New York City. In 1991, the Morgan family moved to Ridgewood NJ, where Avon would ascend through Travell Elementary School, Benjamin Franklin Middle School, and Ridgewood High School.

Avon excelled in athletics throughout high school, particularly in football. He eventually earned a scholarship to Trinity College, where he earned his undergraduate degree and accolades for his football achievements.

Avon began his professional career in public service in the Family Division of the Bergen County Superior Court. He was a diligent employee who attended law school in the evening program at New York Law School, while continuing to work full-time. Despite his busy schedule, all in the Courthouse remarked about Avon's enthusiasm, enduring positive spirit and bright smile.

Upon graduation from law school and after passing the bar, Avon practiced civil law before achieving his goal of serving as an Assistant Prosecutor in the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office in 2016. As an Assistant Prosecutor, Avon presented cases to the Grand Jury, developed an expertise in bail reform and detention hearings and tried several jury trials to verdict in the Special Victims Unit and Trial Section. In addition to his prosecutorial duties, Avon instructed at the Bergen County Police Academy, was a Crisis Intervention Training instructor and he was involved in many community outreach activities and office functions.

Avon was incredibly proud of being an Assistant Prosecutor and despite being offered higher paying jobs in private practice, he often commented that he loved his job and that he was a career prosecutor. Avon was the ultimate team player, always volunteering to help a colleague. Shortly after leaving work on July 29, 2022, Avon was injured in a motorcycle accident, and later passed away at the age of 38. His colleagues in Bergen County will never forget his smile, his exuberance and the positive impact he had on all our lives. In his honor, his friends, family and colleagues have established this scholarship.

II . Applicant's Educational Background (Circle School for which Scholarship Application is submitted and attach proof of acceptance or attendance)

A. Secondary: _____
Name and Address of High School

B. Undergraduate: _____
Name and Address of College/University

Anticipated Year of Graduation **Degree**

Major Field of Study **Cumulative Grade Point Average**

C. Graduate: _____
Name and Address of Institution

Anticipated Year of Graduation **Degree**

Major Field of Study **Cumulative Grade Point Average**

D. Law School: _____
Name and Address of Institution

Anticipated Year of Graduation **Degree**

Major Field of Study **Cumulative Grade Point Average**

III. Financial Information (Provide Figures Pertaining to the Academic Year for which Scholarship Application is Submitted)

A. Estimated Cost of Education, including Tuition, Room & Board and books.

B. Applicant's Current Yearly Salary: _____

C. Spouse's Current Yearly Salary: _____

D. All Other Sources of Income or Support, including parental : _____

E. All Other Grants, Financial Aid and Scholarships: _____

F. State any Other Information Relevant to Applicant's Financial Need: _____

IV. Special Honors or Prizes

Specify any special recognitions, honors or prizes which you have achieved including academic work, the arts, athletics, and community service.

V. Resume & Personal Statement

Attach to and submit with your Application a copy of your Resume and a typed Statement of your educational and career objectives. Your statement should describe your interest in pursuing a career as a prosecutor with an emphasis in Domestic Violence or Hate Crimes Prosecutions.

Date Completed ____/____/2025

Applicant's Signature