

# MICHAEL KIELY STRONG ROOTS

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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A graduate of the University of Virginia and the University of Richmond law school, defense attorney [Michael Kiely](#) has devoted his career to serving and defending the citizens of the Richmond area. He has been practicing law in the community for over 13 years now, and he has developed a strong connection with the people and places of eastern Virginia.

It takes a unique type of individual to nurture a love of place and to put down strong, healthy roots within a community. In today's world, there are so many opportunities to live a transient life, to move from place to place and never settle down. However, we all need to feel like part of a community, and so it falls upon certain special people and projects to build that sense of unity and place that we call "home."

As day-to-day life becomes more digital, and experiences become increasingly "remote," discussion about what it takes to build healthy communities becomes more and more important. Michael Kiely is proud to sponsor the Strong Roots Scholarship and Essay Contest as a way to promote discussion about the meaning of community in the digital age and as a way to sponsor educational opportunities for individuals who are dedicated to building strong communities where passions and careers can take root.

This essay contest and the associated \$500 scholarship is open to individuals throughout the country who are enrolled in any accredited post-secondary institution during 2016-2017 school year.

### Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

- The scholarship program is available to undergraduate, graduate, and law school students as well as incoming college freshmen.
- The candidate must be in good academic standing with at least a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA.
- All candidates must possess an interest in community building, as demonstrated by their essay and resume.

### Application Requirements:

The Michael Kiely Strong Roots Scholarship program invites all candidates who meet the aforementioned criteria to apply. Applicants will be evaluated based on the following:

- An updated resume that includes academic, professional, and volunteer experiences with a focus on community building. Candidates can feel free to highlight relevant coursework or experiences that might not be included in a typical resume. This document, however, must be limited to actual experiences (that is, "interests" do not count as experiences).
- Applicants must submit a 500-word essay responding to the following question:
  - How is the meaning of "community" changing in today's world, and what does that mean for people who want to build strong, healthy communities?
- Applicants must also submit a current academic transcript from the applicant's school, or an academic transcript of the applicant's most recent school (including the applicant's most recent year in school).

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## Application Instructions and Deadline:

Fax or mail submissions may be addressed to:

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If students wish to submit their application via email, they should address:

[scholarships@virginiacriminalawyer.com](mailto:scholarships@virginiacriminalawyer.com)

To be considered eligible for this scholarship, interested students must submit a completed application along with the above requirements no later than May 1, 2016. The results of the scholarship program will be announced later this year.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION:

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(Name) Last	First	MI
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Date of Application		

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Phone (Home/Mobile)	Email		
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Address	Apt/Suite		
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City	State	Zip	Country

### ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

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Current Year of Study	Major
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Current School/Most Recent School	

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