



New Jersey State Bar Foundation 2026 Law School Scholarship Application Worksheet

Deadline for application: APRIL 10

Applicants are encouraged to use this worksheet to review the application in its entirety, familiarize themselves with the questions and prepare materials before starting to enter information in the online application.

Please note: There is no way to save the application and/or return to completing during the online submission process.

2026 Scholarships*

Amount	Scholarship	Recipient
\$2,500	Abram D. and Maxine H. Londa Scholarship	Awarded with preference to a student from Union County.
\$2,500	Theodore A. Schwartz Scholarship for Environmental Law	Awarded to a student interested in pursuing a career dedicated to environmental issues.
\$2,500	Justin P. Walder Scholarship	Awarded to a student attending one of New Jersey's Law Schools.
\$2,500	Judge Lisa P. Thornton Scholarship	Awarded in recognition of the legacy of first Black woman to serve as Assignment Judge on the New Jersey Superior Court.
\$10,000 (3 available)	Justice Marie L. Garibaldi Scholarship	Awarded to a female New Jersey resident student who attends Rutgers Law School, Seton Hall Law School, or Columbia Law School.
\$2,500	New Jersey State Bar Foundation Scholarships	Awarded to students attending one of New Jersey's Law Schools.
\$5,000		
\$10,000		

* Please note that the New Jersey State Bar Foundation reserves the right to withhold awarding any specific scholarship in any given year.

Scholarship Eligibility

You must be able to answer "yes" to the three questions below to certify your eligibility.

1. Will you be a student at Rutgers Law School, Seton Hall Law School, or Columbia Law School in the coming school year?
2. Do you understand that any scholarship award will be made payable to you and the school you attend and will be applied exclusively to tuition and fees?
3. Will you be a full-time student entering your second or third year of law school or a student attending law school part-time (who has completed at least two full semesters of classes) in the coming school year?



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Information and Materials

The following materials must be uploaded as part of the application:

- Personal Statement and Essay (*not to exceed 2 pages, PDF, or MS Word format*)
- Current resume (*PDF or MS Word format*)
- Unofficial transcript of college and/or law school academic record
- Optional: One additional document (not to exceed two pages) for the committee to consider

In addition to the items above, there are 5 additional sections in the online application.

- A. Personal Information (*fill in the blanks*)
- B. Education/Law Interest (*fill in the blanks*)
- C. Financial Information (*fill in the blanks and include additional information if applicable*)
- D. Extracurricular Activities/Community Involvement (*cut and paste in your response*)
- E. Certification

Personal Statement and Essay

Please provide a statement that addresses the following:

- Why the Foundation should award you a scholarship
- Reasons why you want to be a lawyer
- Whether you plan to remain in New Jersey after graduation from law school
- Your plans for employment during summer of 2026, if known
- The most significant public or charitable service you have provided in the past two years and its impact on your development as a lawyer
- Tell us what receiving this scholarship would mean to your professional journey

Scholarship Specific Requirements

- To be considered for the **Theodore A. Schwartz Scholarship for Environmental Law**, please describe your commitment to the environment and environmental law.
- To be considered for the **Judge Lisa P. Thornton Scholarship**, please tell us how you will represent and advance the ideals that Judge Thornton represented.
- To be considered for the **Justice Marie L. Garibaldi Scholarship**, please comment on Justice Garibaldi's trailblazing life, and describe the attributes and connections that make you a worthy recipient of the scholarship in her name.
- To be considered for one of the **New Jersey State Bar Foundation Scholarships**, please tell us how you hope to advance the Foundation mission of '*Informed Citizens are Better Citizens*' in your career.

Note: You may upload up to 1 additional document for the Scholarship Committee to consider, which may not exceed 2 pages in length.



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A. Personal Information

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Please enter an address where you can be contacted now through August

Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____ Zip/Postal _____

Phone (Primary) _____

Phone (Secondary) _____

Email Address (Primary) _____

Email Address (Secondary) _____

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Widowed Separated

Do you have any dependents? Yes No

If yes, Please list any dependents that you might have, including children, spouse, and/or parents.

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No If you are not a US citizen, what is your citizenship? _____

If not a U.S. citizen, are you a permanent resident? Yes No Not Applicable

If yes, what is your alien resignation number and date your Green Card was issued?

If you are residing in the U.S. and are not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, what kind of visa do you hold? *

F-1 J-1 Not Applicable Other, please specify



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B. Education/Law Interest

Name of Law School _____

Present Class _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average in Law School _____

Law school class standing, if available _____

Area of Law Interest _____

C. Financial Information

Anticipated Expenses:

Tuition _____

Books and Supplies _____

Room and Board _____

Other Anticipated Expenses: Including Transportation, Medical Costs _____

TOTAL Anticipated Expenses for the 2026-2027 academic year? _____

Anticipated Income / Assets:

Earnings of Applicant _____

Earnings of Spouse or Domestic Partner _____

Parent's Contribution _____

Savings _____

Include the total value of your own savings, investments, trusts, and other assets as of December 31, 2023, including assets established in your name under the Uniform Gift to Minors Act and your interest in any trusts and similar arrangements.

TOTAL Anticipated Income / Assets for the 2026-2027 academic year _____

Estimated Financial Aid:

Law School Scholarships _____

External Scholarships _____

Federal Student Loans _____

Financial Aid: Private Student Loans _____

What was your adjusted gross income, as listed on line 11 of your 2025 1040 tax return (or 2024 return if 2025 return has not yet been filed)? If you were claimed as a dependent, enter your parent(s) gross income from their 2025 tax return (or 2024 return if 2025 return has not yet been filed) _____



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What are the sources and amounts of scholarships that you received in 2025-2026?

What are the sources and amounts of scholarships that you expect to receive for 2026-2027?

Have you previously received an NJSBF scholarship? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, what was the year received, and amount of scholarship received? _____

At this point, **what is the outstanding balance of your school loans?** _____

Please use the additional space provided to include financial information you think is relevant to your application for a New Jersey State Bar Foundation scholarship.

D. Extracurricular Activities/Community Involvement

Please use the provided space to list and describe the extracurricular activities and community service projects in which you have participated over the past 2 years. Cut and paste your response into the online application

E. Certification

You will be asked to certify the information provided and acknowledge the certification below with your electronic signature on the online application)

In consideration of my academic record and the facts set forth in this application, I respectfully petition that a scholarship be awarded to me for the academic year of 2025-2026

I certify that the information provided in this scholarship application and any supplements hereto, is true, accurate and complete. I recognize that honesty and integrity are essential characteristics of a future practicing attorney. I understand that if any statement or information provided by me in this scholarship application or any supplement hereto is willfully false or the product of AI, I will be disqualified from consideration.

I understand that awards made by the NEW JERSEY STATE BAR FOUNDATION are not loans. Nevertheless, if an award is made to me and I am able to contribute in the future to the New Jersey State Bar Foundation in order that others may also share in similar benefits, I will consider doing so.

If I receive a scholarship, I give permission to the New Jersey State Bar Foundation to use my name and likeness on its website and/or to publish it on its social media platforms and/or any materials associated with its programs and initiatives.

If there are significant changes to the information submitted in this application, I shall forward the updated info to Kate Coscarelli, NJSBF Associate Executive Director, Administration and Grants, at kcoscarelli@njsba.com.