

Scholarship Opportunities

1 University at Buffalo Scholarship Portal



1. Access the portal website: <https://buffalo.academicworks.com>
2. Complete General Application Questions
 - (ie. High school, achievements/memberships, leadership/service, first generation college student, financial challenges, etc.)
3. Complete School of Law Conditional Application
 - (i.e resume, unofficial transcript from law school, areas of interest, financial situation, law school involvement, etc.)
4. Other Recommended Opportunities will be prompted to apply for
 - (especially for UB undergraduate alumni)
5. Deadline is 11/1/2025. You will be automatically considered ~30 scholarships based on your Completed General Application.

2 New York State Bar Association Scholarships



1. Access the NYSBA Website
2. Hover over "Sections & Committees" Tab
3. Click on a specific section
4. Awards, Fellowships, and Scholarships (left hand-side) for each specific section

3 New York State Bar Foundation Scholarships

1. Access the website: <https://www.tnybf.org/grants-scholarships/>
2. Each scholarship has different requirements, but most need:
 - Completed Application Form
 - Cover Letter of Interest
 - Unofficial Law School Transcript
 - Current Resume
 - Letter(s) of Recommendation
 - Essay answering specific questions



Local and State Government Law Section Carol Van Scoyoc Municipal Law Scholarship Value: \$5,000 Deadline: October 17, 2025



The scholarship is awarded to a law student who is enrolled in a law school in the State of New York, who best exemplifies the core values important to Carol Van Scoyoc, Esq, former chair of the Section and recipient of the Award for Excellence in Public Service. The student shall show academic excellence, a demonstrated interest in public service and an interest in local government law.

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3 New York State Bar Foundation Scholarships Continued

The Honorable Joel K. Asarch Elder Law and Special Needs Section Scholarship

Value: \$3,500 Deadline: November 10, 2025

The scholarship is awarded to a second year (2L) or third year (3L) law student who is enrolled in a law school in the State of New York and is actively participating in an Elder Law Clinic at the school or performs other substantial efforts which demonstrate interest in the legal rights of the elderly or expresses an interest in helping the disabled.



Elder Law and Special Needs Section T. David Stapleton Memorial Scholarship

Value: \$3,500 Deadline: November 10, 2025

The scholarship is awarded to a second year (2L) or third year (3L) law student who is enrolled in a law school in the State of New York who has demonstrated an interest in the Elder Law and Special Needs practice area and intends to practice in the field in Upstate New York following law school.



Diversity Summer Fellowship in Health Law

Value: \$6,000 Deadline: December 5, 2025

The fellowship is open to law students with a diverse background who are currently enrolled in a law school in the State of New York. The fellowship will provide the student an opportunity to experience health law practice and to work with a healthcare attorney or facility in the State of New York during the summer.



4 Records and Registrations Scholarships & Writing Awards

THE TULLY RINCKEY FOUNDATION MILITARY SCHOLARSHIP - Fall 2025 semester

Value: \$3,000 Deadline: September 30, 2025

The Tully Rinckey PLLC is pleased to offer the above scholarship to a new or current law student enrolled in University at Buffalo School of Law who has served or is currently serving in the military or reserves. Eligible students should submit a 500-word essay on one of the two given topics pertaining to their military service. The winner will be notified by October 13, 2025.



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28TH ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT LAW INITIATIVE WRITING CONTEST

First Place : \$10,000 Tuition Scholarship and more

Runner-Ups : \$2,500 Tuition Scholarship and more (2 available)

Deadline: October 8, 2025



In partnership with the American Bar Association, the Entertainment Law Initiative (ELI) Writing Contest awards excellence with scholarship prizes, industry mentors and tickets to exclusive GRAMMY Week events. Applicants would identify, research and propose solutions to pressing legal issues in the music industry. Winning entries will be published in the ABA Entertainment & Sports Lawyer journal, and winners will be recognized at the GRAMMY Week ELI Luncheon attended by industry leaders and legal professionals.

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL SERVICES LAWYERS (ACCFSL): 2026 WRITING COMPETITION

Value: \$5,000, \$3,500 and \$1,500 Deadline: November 1, 2025



The ACCFSL is pleased to accept annual writing competition entries pertaining to the field of US consumer financial services law in three different categories. Eligible entries must discuss an aspect of US consumer financial services law, and must have been written or published between November 1, 2024 and November 1, 2025. They may be submitted by authors directly or by third parties on behalf of authors.

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF REAL ESTATE LAWYERS (ACREL): 2025 ACREL Law Student Writing Award

First Place: \$2,000 with invitation to attend ACREL Spring Meeting

Second Place: \$1,000 Deadline: December 31, 2025



This Award is open to law students enrolled in ABA-accredited law schools in the U.S. and its territories and possessions as of December 31, 2025. Eligible entrants must also be 21 years of age or older, a citizen or legal permanent resident of the country. Entry papers should address an issue of interest in real property law or related areas that have been published or accepted for publication in a scholarly journal sponsored by an ABA-accredited law school in the U.S. and its territories and possessions within the calendar year 2025.

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2026 LEWIS M. ROSE SCHOLARSHIP: One paid Summer Associate position with full-time Associate position offering Review of Applications: Rolling basis

Kelly Drye & Warren LLP is currently accepting applications for this Scholarship which is open to all outstanding rising second year (2L) law students who are enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school scheduled to graduate in 2027. The Scholarship includes a paid summer associate position in their New York or New Jersey offices following the second year of law school. The Scholarship recipient also receives a \$25,000 award paid in two installments as a signing bonus—one upon completion of the summer program, and the second, upon starting as a full-time Associate at the firm.



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AccessLex Law School Scholarship Databank

1. Access the website: <https://www.accesslex.org/databank>
2. Scan here for tips and tricks for getting the most out of the databank



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ABA Scholarships

Diversity & Inclusion —SOGI LGBT Public Interest Scholarship Program

Value: \$5,000 Deadline: April 15, 2025

The Scholarship will provide financial support to a first, second or third year law student, or recent law graduate to enable the student or recent law graduate to work in the LGBT public interest arena for the Summer/Fall of 2021. One or more scholarships of up to \$5000 each will be awarded annually, subject to the availability of funds and the recommendation of the commission's Scholarship Committee.



Intellectual Property — Foundation for Advancement of Diversity in IP Law Sydney B. Williams Scholarships

Value: \$30,000 Deadline: December 15, 2024

The goal of the Sydney B. Williams scholarships is to increase the number of under-represented minority groups serving as intellectual property law practitioners in law firms and the intellectual property law departments in corporations. Since April 2002, the FADIPL has been awarding a number of \$10,000 Scholarships for Minority Scholars as well as arranging internships and mentorships to assist under-represented minority law school students intending to practice intellectual property law.

