



Federal Circuit Bar Association's Scholarship Application & Rules

[Applications must sent between April 1 and midnight EST on April 15, 2010]

Who may apply? Students (a) pursuing a juris doctor degree, (b) enrolling for the upcoming academic year (for example, 2010/2011) in any law school accredited by the American Bar Association, (c) having financial need, and (d) showing a demonstrable interest in one of the many topics that lie within the procedure, substance, or scope of the jurisdiction of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (e.g., international trade, government contracts, patents, trademarks, certain money claims against the United States government, federal personnel, and veterans' benefits). Students with interests solely in such areas as family, public interest, bankruptcy, or criminal law, for example, need not apply. Law schools should limit applications to no more than five students from their school in any one year.

How to apply? An application must include: (1) curriculum vitae; (2) undergraduate and, if applicable, graduate and law school transcripts; and (3) an original, typed essay written by the applicant alone. The essay is limited to no more than 450 words on one page and should address the applicant's financial need, any interests in particular areas of the law, and any qualifications for a particular scholarship considered relevant by the applicant (i.e., please highlight which scholarship you feel you are best qualified to receive). You may send unofficial transcripts, and a letter of recommendation is not needed. For those applicants who will begin law school in the upcoming (e.g., 2010/2011) academic year and cannot provide law school transcripts, please submit a copy of your letter of acceptance to law school.

Submissions must be transmitted in **PDF format only** by e-mail to Kevin R. Casey at kcasey@stradley.com. Please identify each submission by "FCBA Scholarship Submission" in the "Subject" line. Unfortunately, the Association cannot process incomplete applications, nor will the Association contact an individual noting deficiencies in the application because the volume of applications is robust.

Who judges the scholarship applications? The applications are evaluated by those members of the Association who comprise the Scholarship Screening Committee. There are currently six members on the Committee.

How and when will I be notified if I am awarded a scholarship? A representative of the Association will contact each scholarship winner by telephone, and then by mail, on or before May 31, 2010. Applicants need not make follow-up inquiries about the status of their applications.

Which scholarship should I apply for? Please submit only one application, regardless of the scholarship you believe you are most qualified to receive, because the Association considers

each application with the criteria of all of the different scholarships in mind. Thus, one application renders the applicant eligible for all of the available scholarships.

The Association offers two different categories of scholarships: “Judicial” and “Founders.” Judicial Scholarships include the Howard T. Markey Memorial Scholarship, the Helen W. Nies Memorial Scholarship, and the Giles Sutherland Rich Memorial Scholarship. The Founders Scholarships include awards in honor of Douglas B. Henderson and William S. Bullinger, as well as other scholarships based primarily on need. Each scholarship in the Association’s Scholarship Series is contingent upon the availability of funds and other factors.

Judicial Scholarships

Howard T. Markey Memorial Scholarship: An award of \$10,000 will be given in memory of Howard T. Markey, the first Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Like the other Fund scholarships, the award seeks out law students demonstrating academic promise, economic need, and an interest in the subject matter of the Federal Circuit’s legal community. The Howard T. Markey scholarship also emphasizes a commitment to public service as a remembrance of Howard T. Markey’s unique contribution of values driven by a lifetime committed to the public. Only one Howard T. Markey Memorial Scholarship is awarded each year. The award is presented at the Association’s annual dinner in November.

Helen W. Nies Memorial Scholarship: An award of \$10,000 will be given in memory of Helen W. Nies, former Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Special considerations for the Helen W. Nies award include: (a) encouraging the participation of women lawyers in the legal profession, (b) recognizing the contributions of women lawyers to society in general, (c) highlighting academic excellence, (d) addressing need, and (e) advancing the interest of women law students in intellectual property. Only one Helen W. Nies Memorial Scholarship is awarded each year. The award is presented at the Association’s annual dinner in November.

Giles Sutherland Rich Memorial Scholarship: An award of \$10,000 will be given in memory of Giles S. Rich, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and an author of the 1952 Patent Act. Law students who apply for the Giles S. Rich award should show financial need and reflect academic excellence. They also should consistently demonstrate a dedication to the law, the rule of law, and our court system. Only one Giles S. Rich Scholarship is awarded each year. The award is presented at the Association’s Bench and Bar Conference in June.

The Founders Scholarships

Douglas B. Henderson Leadership Scholarship: An award of \$10,000 will be given in recognition of Doug B. Henderson, Founding President of the Federal Circuit Bar Association and founding partner of Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP. The Douglas B. Henderson award seeks to encourage law students showing financial need and demonstrating both academic excellence and outstanding leadership. Only one Douglas B. Henderson Leadership Scholarship is awarded each year. The award is presented at the Association’s annual dinner in November.

William S. Bullinger Scholarship: An award of \$5,000 will be given in memory of William S. Bullinger, a respected practitioner who tirelessly advanced the Association's encouragement of professionalism, civility in practice, and dialogue between the Bench and Bar. The award is based primarily on economic need, although other criteria including academic promise and an interest in the subject matter of the Federal Circuit's legal community are considered. Only one William S. Bullinger Scholarship is awarded each year; the winner is announced at the annual dinner in November.

Need-Based Scholarships: Depending on available funds and other factors, the Association may also consider awarding additional scholarships based primarily on need. Last year, the Association was able to award four of these scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each, and hopes to be able to be as generous this year. Winners are announced at the annual dinner in November.

How can I contribute? Through its Charitable and Educational Fund, the Association offers economic assistance to law students having a potential interest in legal issues that may be appealed to the Federal Circuit. Since 2001, the Fund has awarded almost \$250,000 through its Scholarship Series. Over 2,000 students have applied. The scholarship awards have positively impacted the lives of successful students; and, yet, there is still more need that additional funds could address. Consider joining with us, as have other individuals, firms, and sister associations, in funding this outreach to the future. All donations are tax deductible. To contribute to the Fund please [click here](#) .