

How to Pay for Your Law Degree 2011-2013

Fourth Edition

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Foreword by Eric Goldman

A List of: Fellowships, Grants, Bar Exam Stipends, Competitions, Internships, and Other Sources of Free Money Set Aside to Support Study, Training, Research, Creative Activities, and Work Experience for Students Working on a Law Degree. Plus a Set of Six Indexes: Sponsor, Residency, Tenability, Specialty, Diversity, and Deadline.

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Foreword

Getting accepted to law school will rank as one of the most thrilling moments of your life. However, amidst the joy, you may experience some concern about the financial realities. After all, attending law school will be one of the most significant financial commitments you will ever make. Law students can incur upwards of \$200,000 of debt to pursue their degree, and it can take years to pay back those loans.

While the legal profession is well compensated, compared to others, this statistic masks some disturbing trends. Many legal jobs, especially public sector or public interest positions, pay unremarkable salaries. When combined with high law school debt, the lower-paying jobs become unrealistic for far too many interested students. Instead, many students take more lucrative but less personally interesting jobs solely because that allows them to pay back their loans faster.

That's why I am so excited about this book, *How to Pay for Your Law Degree*. With this completely updated edition, you can quickly and easily identify hundreds of financial aid programs covering virtually every legal specialty. As a result, you may be able to find unexpected financial assistance which will increase the range of jobs you can financially consider after graduation. This book potentially could make the difference between taking your dream job and settling for less.

I urge you to carefully review the programs in this book and then to actually apply to those for which you are eligible. You can always find excuses for not applying: "I'm sure lots of other students have applied," or "I never win anything," or "Finals are coming up." Or you may buy into the untrue myths about financial aid: "Financial aid is just for the poor," or "Financial aid is only for the very smart," or "I have a job, so I won't be eligible for financial aid." You do yourself a disservice with such self-defeating thinking. In too many situations, the programs in this book have far less competition than you might think.

I hope you will give yourself every opportunity to be rewarded for your talents. Best of luck in pursuing (and paying for) your law degree.

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Introduction

WHY THIS DIRECTORY IS NEEDED

Are you working on or planning to work on a degree in law? Congratulations. You have made a wise decision. Not only will you find a legal career personally and intellectually challenging, you will also find it financially rewarding. In a recent Occupational Employment Statistics Survey conducted by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, law was listed as one of the twelve highest paying professions in the United States. In fact, according to a joint study released recently by the Equal Justice Works, the National Association for Law Placement, and the Partnership for Public Service, the median starting salary at private law groups now tops \$90,000.

Getting your law degree, however, is expensive. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, it can cost well above \$100,000 to complete a J.D. That's more than most students can afford to pay on their own. As a result, more than 94% of students reported borrowing at least some money last year to attend law school.

Fortunately, hundreds of financial aid programs, representing millions of dollars, are available to help students pay for their law degree. But, how can beginning or continuing law students find out about the full range of these funding opportunities? After all, they can't apply for this money if they don't know what's available. Traditional financial aid directories haven't offered much assistance, *Scholarships, Fellowships, and Loans* (published by Gale Cengage) and *Chronicle Financial Aid Guide* (published by Chronicle Guidance) are representative. Each just scratches the surface, identifying less than 100 of the funding opportunities set aside specifically for law students. Similarly, the handful of financial aid publications that have focused specifically on law students tend to be either out of date or limited in scope; for example, *Financial Aid for Minorities in Business and Law* (a booklet published by Ferguson) has not been updated in the past decade.

Even the Internet has proven to be of limited utility. While a number of sites identify selected legal competitions (see, for example, www.law.uidaho.edu/legalwritingcontests) and law schools routinely maintain lists of funding opportunities open specifically to their students, not one of these (individually or collectively) provides comprehensive coverage of the funding opportunities available to law students. Consequently, many students working on a law degree (along with the counselors and librarians trying to serve them) have been unaware of the hundreds of fellowships, grants, bar exam support programs, competitions, and internships available specifically to them.

Now, with the ongoing publication of *How to Pay for Your Law Degree*, that has all changed. Here, in the directory's fourth edition, you can get up-to-date information on the wide array of funding opportunities set aside specifically to support study, research, bar exam preparation, and internship opportunities for students working on a degree in law. All specialty areas are covered, including antitrust and trade regulation, aviation and space law, biotechnology law, civil rights law, corporate law, criminal law, elder law, entertainment law, environmental law, public interest law, and nearly 40 more.

There's no other listing, in print or online, that's as current or comprehensive as this new edition of *How to Pay for Your Law Degree*.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

The 2011-2013 edition of *How to Pay for Your Law Degree* is unique. Not only does it provide the most comprehensive coverage of funding opportunities for law students (more than 660 entries), but it also

offers the most informative program descriptions (on the average, twice the detail found in any other source).

Further, only funding set aside for students working on a law degree is included. If a program doesn't support study, training, research, creative activities, or work experience specifically for these students, it is not covered here.

Third, only the biggest and best funding programs are described in this book. To be listed here, a program has to award law students at least \$500 per year. But, most go way beyond that, offering significant tuition assistance or stipends of \$15,000 or more! And, best of all, this is "free" money; not one dollar awarded to you will ever have to be repaid! Plus, you can take the money awarded by these scholarships to any number of schools. Unlike other financial aid directories, which often list large numbers of scholarships worth only a few hundred dollars or available only to students enrolled at one specific school, all of the entries in this book are substantial and "portable" (although some portability may be restricted by other program parameters).

Fourth, many of the programs identified here have never been covered or are hard to find in other print or web listings. So, even if you have checked elsewhere, you will want to look at this edition of *How to Pay for Your Law Degree* for additional leads.

In addition, while other funding directories tend to follow a straight alphabetical arrangement, *How to Pay for Your Law Degree* groups entries by the various types of financial aid available to help law students pay for their degree:

- *Fellowships.* Programs that support study and training for students in law school. Usually no return of service or repayment is required. For information on funding for research available to law students, see the Grants category below.
- *Grants.* Programs that provide funding to law students to support innovative efforts, projects, creative activities, or research. Usually no return of service or repayment is required.
- *Bar Exam Support.* Programs that provide stipends to help law students pay the expenses of preparing for and taking the bar exam.
- *Competitions.* Awards, prizes, and honoraria granted in recognition of creative writing, moot court participation, or other activities. Prizes received solely as the result of entering sweepstakes are excluded.
- *Internships.* Practical and research work experience programs for law students. Only salaried positions are described.

This arrangement, by type of funding, is designed to make it easy for you to search for appropriate programs. The same convenience is available in the indexes, where sponsoring organization, residency, tenability (where the money can be spent), specialty, diversity, and deadline date entries each indicate the type of funding offered.

Finally, we have tried to anticipate all the ways you might wish to search for funding; we organized the volume so you can identify programs not only by funding type, but by program title, sponsor, legal specialty, where you live, where you want to go to school or conduct research, diversity characteristics, and when you plan to apply for funding. Plus, we've included all the information you will need to decide if a program is right for you: purpose, eligibility requirements, financial data, duration, special features, limitations, number awarded, and application date. You even get fax numbers, toll-free numbers, e-mail addresses, and web sites (when available) along with complete contact information.

WHAT'S EXCLUDED?

The focus of *How to Pay for Your Law Degree* is on portable programs open specifically to college seniors, college graduates, current law students, and returning students in the United States who are interested in working on a law degree. While the directory is intended to be the most current and comprehensive source of information on available funding, there are some programs we've specifically excluded from the listing:

SAMPLE ENTRY

- (1) **[56]**
- (2) **CALIFORNIA BAR FOUNDATION PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLARSHIPS**
- (3) State Bar of California
Attn: California Bar Foundation
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-1639
(415) 856-0780, ext. 302 Fax: (415) 856-0788
E-Mail: jguillory@calbarfoundation.org
Web: www.fedcirbar.org
- (4) **Summary** To provide financial assistance to law students from any state who are attending school in California and are interested in preparing for a career in public interest law.
- (5) **Eligibility** This program is open to residents of any state who have completed at least 1 year at a law school in California. Candidates from online law schools must be California residents. Students may not apply directly for this program; they must be nominated by their law school. Each law school may nominate up to 5 students and must document that its nominees can demonstrate financial need and good ethical standing while attending law school. Candidates must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher. They must be able to demonstrate and document a strong commitment to public service law and intent to pursue a public interest legal career after law school. Along with their application, they must submit a 1-page statement on their plans for a legal career in public service. Selection is based on academic excellence, financial need, and intent to pursue a career in public interest law.
- (6) **Financial data** Stipends are \$7,500 (for the named awards), \$5,000, or \$2,500.
- (7) **Duration** 1 year.
- (8) **Additional information** Each year, the foundation grants awards named after law firms that donate funding for the scholarships; recently, 5 firms were honored. An additional named award, the Jim Pfeiffer Scholarship, honors the founding executive director of the foundation. Recipients are required to attend a reception in their honor in October of the year of their award and to submit a report on their progress at the end of that year.
- (9) **Number awarded** Varies each year. Recently, the foundation awarded 23 of these scholarships: 6 named awards at \$7,500, 6 awards at \$5,000, and 11 awards at \$2,500.
- (10) **Deadline** March of each year.

DEFINITION

- (1) **Entry number:** Consecutive number assigned to the references and used to index the entry.
- (2) **Program title:** Title of fellowship, grant, bar exam support, competition, or internship program.
- (3) **Sponsoring organization:** Name, address, and telephone number, toll-free number, fax number, e-mail address, and/or web site (when information was supplied) for organization sponsoring the program.
- (4) **Summary:** Identifies the major program requirements; read the rest of the entry for additional detail.
- (5) **Eligibility:** Qualifications required of applicants, plus information on application procedure and selection process.
- (6) **Financial data:** Financial details of the program, including fixed sum, average amount, or range of funds offered, expenses for which funds may and may not be applied, and cash-related benefits supplied (e.g., room and board).
- (7) **Duration:** Period for which support is provided; renewal prospects.
- (8) **Additional information:** Any benefits, features, restrictions, or limitations (generally nonmonetary) associated with the program.
- (9) **Number awarded:** Total number of recipients each year or other specified period.
- (10) **Deadline:** The month by which applications must be submitted.

- *Programs not focused on law:* Only funding opportunities set aside specifically for law students are described here. If you are looking for money to support study, training, research, or creative activities in other, or broader, subject areas, check out the list of Reference Service Press's other award-winning directories on the inside of this directory's front cover.
- *School-based programs:* This directory identifies portable programs—ones that can be used at any number of schools. Financial aid administered by an individual school solely for the benefit of its incoming, continuing, or graduating students is not covered. Write directly to the specific schools you are considering to get information on their offerings.
- *Programs that do not accept applications from U.S. citizens or residents:* If a program is open only to foreign nationals or excludes Americans from applying, it is not covered.
- *Restrictive programs:* In general, programs are excluded if they are open only to residents of a limited geographic area (less than a state), are available to a very limited membership group (e.g., a local union), provide limited financial support (under \$500), or only offer money that must be repaid. For descriptions of these additional programs, contact Reference Service Press and ask about licensing or subscribing to their complete funding database for law.
- *Money for study or research outside the United States:* Since there are comprehensive and up-to-date directories that describe all available funding for study and research abroad (see *Financial Aid for Research and Creative Activities Abroad* and *Financial Aid for Study and Training Abroad*, both published by Reference Service Press), only programs that support study or research in the United States are covered here.
- *Programs that did not respond to our research inquiries:* Programs are included only if the sponsors responded to our research requests or posted up-to-date information (see below for details).

WHAT'S UPDATED?

The preparation of each new edition of *How to Pay for Your Law Degree* involves extensive updating and revision. To make sure that the information included in the directory is both reliable and current, the editors at Reference Service Press 1) review and update all programs currently in our funding database and 2) search exhaustively for new program leads in a variety of sources, including printed directories, news reports, journals, newsletters, house organs, annual reports, and sites on the Internet. Since all program descriptions included in the directory are written directly from information supplied by the sponsoring organization in print or on the Internet (no information is ever taken from secondary sources), we send up to four data collection letters (followed by up to three telephone inquiries, if necessary) to each sponsor identified in this process. Despite our best efforts, however, some sponsoring organizations still failed to respond and, as a result, their programs are not included in this edition of the directory.

The 2011-2013 edition of the directory completely revises and updates the previous (third) edition. Programs that have ceased operations have been dropped. Similarly, programs that have broadened their scope and no longer focus on law have also been removed from the listing, as have programs with residency requirements narrower than state-wide or awards under \$500. Profiles of continuing programs have been rewritten to reflect current requirements; more than 80 percent of these programs reported substantive changes in their locations, requirements (particularly application deadline), or benefits. In addition, more than 200 new entries have been added to the program section of the directory. The resulting listing identifies nearly 670 fellowships, grants, bar exam stipends, awards, internships, and other sources of "free money" aimed specifically at students interested in working on a law degree.

HOW THE DIRECTORY IS ORGANIZED

How to Pay for Your Law Degree is divided into two sections: 1) a detailed list of funding opportunities open to students working on a degree in law; and 2) a set of indexes designed to pinpoint available funding programs.

Funding for Students Working on a Law Degree. The first section of the directory describes 667 funding opportunities available to students working on a degree in law. The programs listed are sponsored by more than 500 federal and state government agencies, local, state, and national bar associations and foundations, law firms, educational associations, and other organizations.

To help you focus your search, the entries in this section are grouped into five main categories: fellowships, grants, bar exam support, competitions, and internship opportunities. A few programs supply more than one type of assistance, and those are listed in each relevant category. For example, the Baker & Daniels Diversity Scholarship provides both financial assistance and work experience, so the program is described in both the Fellowships and Internships chapters.

Entries in each of the subsections appear alphabetically by program title. Each program entry has been designed to provide a concise profile that, as the sample on page 7 illustrates, includes information (when available) on organization address and telephone numbers (including fax and toll-free numbers), e-mail address and web site, purpose, eligibility, money awarded, duration, special features, limitations, number of awards, and application deadline.

The information provided for each of the programs covered in this section was supplied by sponsoring organizations in response to questionnaires we sent and Internet searches we did through the beginning of 2011. While *How to Pay for Your Law Degree* is intended to cover available funding as comprehensively as possible, some sponsoring organizations did not respond to our research inquiries and, consequently, are not included in this edition of the directory.

Indexes. To help you find the aid you need, we have constructed six indexes; these will let you access the listings by sponsoring organization, residency, tenability (where you want to study or conduct research), specialty, diversity characteristics, and deadline date. These indexes use a word-by-word alphabetical arrangement. Note: numbers in the index refer to entry numbers, not to page numbers in the book.

Sponsoring Organization Index. This index makes it easy to identify agencies that offer funding to students working on a degree in law. More than 500 sponsoring organizations are listed alphabetically, word by word. In addition, we've used a code to help you identify the type of funding offered by these organizations (e.g., "F" = Fellowships; "I" = Internships).

Residency Index. Some programs listed in this book are restricted to residents of a specific state or region. Others are open to students wherever they live. This index helps you identify programs available only to residents in your area as well as programs that have no residency restrictions. Further, to assist you in your search, we've also indicated the type of funding offered to residents in each of the locations listed in the index.

Tenability Index. Some programs in this book can be used only in certain cities, counties, states, or regions. Others may be used anywhere in the United States (or even abroad). Use this index to find out what programs are available to support your studies or activities in a specific geographic area. As with the Residency index, the type of funding available to be spent in a particular geographic location is clearly indicated.

Specialty Index. Refer to this index when you want to identify funding opportunities for law students interested in or preparing for a career in a particular specialty; nearly 50 fields are indexed, ranging from administrative law to trusts and estates.

Diversity Index. Most of the programs established to fund studies in law are open to students of any ethnicity, physical condition, gender, or sexual orientation. But, because diversity is an important goal for the field, some funding opportunities have been created specifically to encourage ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities, women, and GLBT students to enter the profession. To identify those programs, turn to the Diversity Index, which is arranged by type of funding (fellowships, internships, etc.) and subdivided by the applicant characteristics that can contribute to a more diverse profession: ethnic-

ity, disability status, gender, and sexual orientation. Keep in the mind that only programs that focus specifically on law are listed in this directory and, therefore, indexed here. If you are interested in identifying more general aid available to these groups, there are several other resources available to help you with that: 1) for minorities, see the four-volume *Minority Funding Set* published by Reference Service Press, which lists thousands of programs available to African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Americans; 2) for persons with disabilities, check out *Financial Aid for the Disabled and Their Families*, also published by Reference Service Press, which identifies more than 1,200 opportunities representing billions of dollars in aid; 3) for women, take a look at the 1,500 funding programs described in Reference Service Press's *Directory of Financial Aids for Women*; and 4) for GLBT students: go to the Human Rights Campaign scholarship listing on www.hrc.org.

Calendar Index. Since most financial aid programs have specific deadline dates, some may have closed by the time you begin to look for funding. You can use the Calendar Index to identify which programs are still open. This index is arranged by type of funding offered (e.g., fellowship, grant) and divided by month during which the deadline falls. Filing dates can and quite often do vary from year to year; consequently, the dates in this index should be viewed as only approximations after the end of the 2013/14 academic year.

HOW TO USE THE DIRECTORY

Here are some tips to help you get the most out of the financial aid listings in *How to Pay for Your Law Degree*:

To Locate Programs Offering a Particular Type of Financial Assistance. If you are looking for programs offering a particular type of financial aid (e.g., a fellowship for law school, a grant for independent research, an award for writing), turn first to the definitions of these program types on page 6 and then browse through the entries in each of the appropriate chapters in the first section of the directory.

To Find Information on a Particular Financial Aid Program. If you know the name and type of funding offered by a particular financial aid program, you can go directly to the appropriate category in the first section of the directory, where you'll find program profiles arranged alphabetically by title.

To Browse Quickly Through the Listings. Turn to the type of funding category that interests you (fellowships, internships, etc.) and read the "Summary" field in each entry. In seconds, you'll know if this is an opportunity that might apply to you. If it is, read the rest of the information in the entry to make sure you meet all of the program requirements before writing or going online for an application form. Remember: don't apply if you don't qualify!

To Locate Financial Aid Programs Sponsored by a Particular Organization. The Sponsoring Organization Index makes it easy to determine which groups are providing funding to students working on a law degree (more than 500 are listed here) and to identify specific financial aid programs offered by a particular sponsor. Each entry number in the index is coded to indicate funding type, to help you target appropriate entries.

To Locate Financial Aid Based on Residency or Where You Want to Study. Use the Residency Index to identify funding that has been set aside to support applicants from your area. If you are looking for funding to support studies or activities in a particular city, county, state, or region, turn to the Tenability Index. Both of these indexes are subdivided by type of funding (fellowships, competitions, etc.), to help you identify various ways to pay for your law degree. When using these indexes, always check the listings under the term "United States," since the programs indexed there have no geographic restrictions and can be used in any area.

To Locate Financial Aid for Study or Research in a Specific Legal Field. Turn to the Specialty Index if you are interested in identifying available funding in a specific legal field, ranging from administrative law to trusts and estates. Each index entry indicates the type of funding available: fellowships, grants, bar exam stipends, competitions, or internship programs.

To Locate Funding Programs Designed to Encourage Diversity in the Legal Profession. If you want to know which funding opportunities in this directory are aimed specifically at minorities, per-

sons with disabilities, women, or GLBT students, turn to the Diversity Index. There, you'll find access to appropriate programs by funding type and diversity characteristics.

To Locate Financial Aid by Deadline Date. If you are working with specific time constraints and want to weed out financial aid programs whose filing dates you won't be able to meet, turn first to the Calendar Index and check the program references listed under the appropriate funding type and month. On the other hand, if you'd rather identify every relevant financial aid program, regardless of filing dates, read through all the entries in each of the funding chapters (Fellowships, Internships, etc.) that apply.

PLANS TO UPDATE THE DIRECTORY

This volume, covering 2011-2013, is the fourth edition of *How to Pay for Your Law Degree*. The next edition will cover the years 2013-2015 and will be released in mid-2013.

OTHER RELATED PUBLICATIONS

How to Pay for Your Law Degree is one of several financial aid titles dealing with special subject areas that are published biennially by Reference Service Press. Other subject-specific directories are issued for agriculture, business, education, engineering, journalism, library science, nursing, and numerous other fields.

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ABOUT THE FOREWORD AUTHOR

Professor Eric Goldman, who served as a consultant in the research process and wrote the foreword for this edition of *How to Pay for Your Law Degree*, teaches intellectual property and cyberlaw at Santa Clara University Law School, where he is also the director of the High Tech Law Institute. Previously, he was general counsel for Epinions.com and an attorney at the Silicon Valley law firm of Cooley Godward. Professor Goldman knows first-hand the value of financial aid. Thanks in part to the scholarships he received, he was able to graduate from law school debt free!

How to Pay for Your Law Degree

- Fellowships* ●
- Grants* ●
- Bar Exam Support* ●
- Writing & Other Competitions* ●
- Internships* ●

Fellowships

Described here are 328 funding opportunities designed to support the course work required for a law degree. All of this is "free money." No repayment will be required (provided that all requirements are met). If you are looking for funding to support research or other creative activities, see the "Grants" chapter.

[1]**AAJ TRIAL ADVOCACY SCHOLARSHIP**

American Association for Justice
 Attn: Manager, Law Student Services
 777 Sixth Street, N.W., Suite 200
 Washington, DC 20001
 (202) 965-3500, ext. 8302
 Toll Free: (800) 424-2725, ext. 8302
 Fax: (202) 965-0355
 E-mail: brandon.grubesky@justice.org
 Web: www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/1737.htm

Summary To provide financial assistance for law school to student members of the American Association for Justice (AAJ).

Eligibility This program is open to members of the association who are entering the second or third year of law school. Applicants must submit a 500-word essay on how they meet the selection criteria: commitment to the association and dedication to its mission through involvement in student chapter activities, desire to represent victims, interest and proficiency in trial advocacy, and financial need.

Financial Data This stipend is \$2,500.

Duration 1 year.

Additional data The American Association for Justice was formerly the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

Number awarded 1 each year.

Deadline May of each year.

[2]**ABRAHAM LINCOLN MAROVITZ SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Chicago Bar Foundation
 321 South Plymouth Court, Suite 3B
 Chicago, IL 60604
 (312) 554-1247 Fax: (312) 554-1203
 E-mail: bchasnoff@chicagobar.org
 Web: www.chicagobarfoundation.org/marovitz-scholarship

Summary To provide funding to residents of any state who are attending law school in Illinois and preparing for a career in public interest law.

Eligibility This program is open to residents of any state attending any of the 9 Illinois law schools (DePaul, John Marshall, Chicago-Kent, Loyola, Northwestern, University of Chicago, University of Illinois, Northern Illinois University, or Southern Illinois University). They must be interested in preparing for a career in public interest law. Selection is based on commitment to public interest issues and a career in public interest law, ability to achieve success as a lawyer, demonstrated commitment to live and work in the Chicago area after law school graduation, and financial need. An interview may be required.

Financial Data The stipend is \$10,000 in the first year of law school, \$15,000 in the second year, and \$15,000 in the third year. Payment is modified for part-time students.

Duration Funds are paid over 3 years.

Additional data This program was established in 2005. In order to continue receiving support from this program, recipients must commit to practice public interest law for at least 3 of the first 5 years following graduation from law school; participate in a public interest law clinic, internship, or other approved project that will give public interest law experience during the second and third academic year; become a student member of the Chicago Bar Association; participate on the Legal Aid Committee of the Chicago Bar Association after the

first year of law school; report to their law school administration and to the Chicago Bar Foundation about participation in public interest activities and compliance with the requirements of the scholarship; and complete an evaluation of the program upon graduation from law school.

Number awarded 1 each year.

Deadline May of each year.

[3]**ADLER POLLOCK & SHEEHAN DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP**

Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C.
 Attn: Diversity Committee Chair
 175 Federal Street
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 (617) 482-0600 Fax: (617) 482-0604
 E-mail: Diversitycomm@apslaw.com
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Summary To provide financial assistance to residents of Massachusetts and Rhode Island who are members of diverse groups and plan to attend law school in any state.

Eligibility This program is open to residents of Massachusetts and Rhode Island who are members of a diverse group, including African American, American Indian, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, gay/lesbian, or other minority group. Applicants must be entering their first year at an ABA-accredited law school in the United States. They must be able to demonstrate academic achievement, a desire to work and reside in Massachusetts or Rhode Island after graduation, a demonstrated commitment to the community, a vision of contributions to the profession and community after graduation, and financial need.

Financial Data The stipend is \$10,000.

Duration 1 year.

Number awarded 1 each year.

Deadline May of each year.

[4]**AIPLA PAST PRESIDENTS AWARD**

American Intellectual Property Law Education Foundation
 485 Kinderkamack Road
 Oradell, NJ 07649
 (201) 634-1870 Fax: (201) 634-1871
 E-mail: admin@aiplef.org
 Web: www.aiplef.org/scholarships/jan_jancin

Summary To provide financial assistance to law students interested in a career in intellectual property law.

Eligibility This program is open to students at ABA-accredited law schools who are interested in a career in intellectual property law. Each law school may nominate 1 student for the award. Selection is based on the student's overall grades in intellectual property law courses, achievement in specified intellectual property law courses, intellectual property papers written by the student, faculty opinions, and membership and activity in student intellectual property law organizations.

Financial Data The stipend is \$2,500. The recipient is reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses to attend the award ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Duration 1 year.

Additional data This award was established in 2007 by the past presidents of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA). It is administered by the American Intellectual Property Law Education Foundation as part of its Jan Jancin Award competition.

Number awarded 1 each year.

Deadline June of each year.

**[5]
AIR FORCE ONE-YEAR COLLEGE PROGRAM
(OYCP)**

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Pentagon, Room 5B269
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Web: www.jagusaf.hq.af.mil/EDprgrms/oycp.htm

Summary To provide financial assistance to law students who are willing to join Air Force ROTC and serve as Air Force Judge Advocates following completion of their studies.

Eligibility This program is open to students in their second year at an ABA-approved law school that has, or is located near, an AFROTC detachment. Applicants must be in good academic standing and able to meet AFROTC entry standards (U.S. citizenship, weight and medical qualifications, and Air Force Officer Qualification Test minimum score). They must be younger than 35 years of age upon commissioning and entering active duty. Selection is based on academic performance, extracurricular activities, community service, prior military record (if any), work experience, and a recommendation by a staff judge advocate following an interview.

Financial Data Participants receive a stipend for 10 months of the year at \$400 per month and a salary during summer field training. No other scholarship assistance is available.

Duration 1 year.

Additional data Selectees with no prior military experience attend field training encampment during the summer prior to entering the AFROTC program as contract cadets. Upon completion of their degree and legal licensing requirements, participants enter active duty as first lieutenants in the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General's Department. After 6 months of active duty, they are promoted to captain. The initial required active-duty service obligation is 4 years.

Number awarded Varies each year.

Deadline January of each year.

**[6]
AIR FORCE ROTC GRADUATE LAW PROGRAM**

U.S. Air Force
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Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-5917
(334) 953-2091 Toll Free: (866) 4-AFROTC
Fax: (334) 953-6167 E-mail: afrotc1@maxwell.af.mil
Web: afrotc.com

Summary To provide financial assistance for law school to individuals who are interested in joining Air Force ROTC and are willing to serve as Air Force officers following completion of their professional degree.

Eligibility Applicants must be U.S. citizens who are currently enrolled in the first year of law school at a college or university with an Air Force ROTC unit on campus or a college with a cross-enrollment agreement with such a school. They may be veterans, current military personnel, or first-year law students without military experience. The law school must be accredited by the American Bar Association. Applicants must agree to serve for at least 4 years as active-duty Air Force officers following graduation from law school. Selection is based

on academic performance, extracurricular activities, work experience, community service, military record (if appropriate), and recommendations.

Financial Data Students are paid during summer field training and also receive a tax-free stipend of \$400 per month during the last 2 years of their legal education. No other scholarship assistance is provided.

Duration 2 years.

Additional data Participants attend a field training encampment (4 weeks for students with prior military service, 5 weeks for students with no prior military experience) during the summer between their first and second year of law school. They then complete the normal academic requirements for the 2-year AFROTC program while completing law school. After graduation, participants enter active duty as a first lieutenant (with promotion after 6 months).

Deadline March of each year.

**[7]
AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIPS**

Air & Waste Management Association
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Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1435
(412) 232-3444 Toll Free: (800) 270-3444
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Web: www.awma.org

Summary To provide financial assistance to graduate students working on a law or other degree related to air pollution control or waste management.

Eligibility This program is open to graduate students who are working on their degree on a full-time basis. Applicants must be preparing for a career in air quality, environmental management/policy/law, sustainability, or waste management. Selection is based on academic record, plan of study, career goals, recommendations, and extracurricular activities; consideration is not given to sex, race, national origin, financial need, age, or physical disability.

Financial Data Stipends generally range up to \$7,500 per year.

Duration 1 year; recipients may reapply for 1 additional year.

Additional data This program was established in 1987. It includes the Milton Feldstein Memorial Scholarship, the Richard Stessel Memorial Scholarship, and the Jacqueline Shields Memorial Scholarship.

Number awarded Varies each year. Recently, 9 of these scholarships were awarded: 3 at \$7,500, 1 at \$5,000, and 5 at \$2,500. Since the program was established, it has awarded 108 scholarships worth \$383,750.

Deadline December of each year.

**[8]
ALABAMA LAW FOUNDATION/CABANISS,
JOHNSTON SCHOLARSHIP**

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