

California Lawyers Foundation's The Justice Pathways Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

Deadline: May 20, 2026

Award Date: TBD

Purpose:

The California Lawyers Foundation's Justice Pathways Scholarship aims to support the next generation of legal professionals by providing financial assistance to outstanding first-year law students who demonstrate academic promise, commitment to public service or social justice, and financial need.

Eligibility Criteria:

Applicants must:

- Be enrolled or accepted into the first year of a Juris Doctor (JD) program at an ABA accredited law school in California. (Currently enrolled in 1L or accepted 1L for the upcoming school year) *For students attending law school in California, a school accredited by the California State Bar's Committee of Bar Examiners.*
- Demonstrate a strong academic record (minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.2 at time of application).
- Show a commitment to a career in law, particularly in public interest, social justice, or legal advocacy.
- Exhibit financial need (determined by FAFSA or a personal financial statement).
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or DACA recipient or other legal requirements of eligibility.

Application Requirements:

Applicants must submit:

- Completed online application form
- Personal statement (500–750 words): Describe your interest in law and what drives your commitment to justice or advocacy.
- Resume
- Unofficial transcript from undergraduate institution(s)
- Proof of law school enrollment or acceptance letter

- One letter of recommendation from an academic or professional reference
- Financial need documentation (e.g., FAFSA summary or brief personal financial statement)

Selection Criteria:

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Demonstrated academic achievement
- Commitment to legal education and public service
- Financial need
- Quality and clarity of the personal statement

How to Apply:

Applications must be submitted via info@calawyersfoundation.org. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Note: Final payment will be made to the school on the awardee's behalf.

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SECTION I: Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Current Mailing Address:

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

SECTION II: Law School Information

Law School Name: _____

Status: Enrolled Accepted (Attach proof of acceptance/enrollment)

Program Start Date (Month/Year): _____

Law School Mailing Address:

SECTION III: Academic Background

Undergraduate Institution: _____

Degree Awarded: _____

Major/Field of Study: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Cumulative GPA (minimum 3.2 required): _____ (Attach transcript)

SECTION IV: Required Attachments Checklist

Personal Statement (500–750 words)

Describe your interest in law and what drives your commitment to justice or advocacy.

Résumé (academic and/or professional)

Unofficial undergraduate transcript

Law school acceptance letter or proof of enrollment

One letter of recommendation

Financial need documentation

(e.g., FAFSA summary or a brief personal financial statement)

SECTION V: Demographic (Optional – For Grant Reporting Purposes Only)

Gender: _____

Race/Ethnicity: _____

Are you a first-generation college or law student? Yes No

SECTION VI: Applicant Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and complete. I understand that incomplete applications will not be considered and that, if awarded, the scholarship funds will be sent directly to my law school.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

