

Santa Barbara Women Lawyers Foundation
P.O.Box 20085
Santa Barbara, CA 93120-0085

2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Santa Barbara Women Lawyers Foundation issues a number of scholarships each year of varying amounts (\$1,500 - \$3,500) to law students of **all genders**.

Scholarship applicants are evaluated based on a multitude of factors, including, but not limited to, academic achievement; commitment to the Santa Barbara community; service to the community at large; promotion of gender equality; and plans for utilization of a law degree. The committee may also consider financial need as an additional factor, however the scholarships are open to applicants of all socioeconomic backgrounds and financial need is a requirement for only one of the several scholarships issued.

Please note that the Foundation reserves discretion to direct the scholarship funds to the student's law school, the student himself/herself, or to law student-related necessities such as bar preparation courses, books, etc.

Please complete the questions listed below fully (typed) and submit either: 1) a hard copy, executed original, postmarked by **August 25, 2026**; or 2) a PDF emailed as an attachment to sbwlfoundation@gmail.com to be received by 6:30 p.m. on **August 25, 2026**.

In addition to the questions listed below, please provide the following **mandatory** items when submitting your application:

- Your resume;
- Copy of your law school transcript (if available);
- Copy of your undergraduate transcript (only if law school transcript not available);
- Between two (2) and four (4) recommendation letters from individuals who have known you for at least one year; and
- A personal statement of not more than one page, in 12 point times new roman font, single spaced, that includes something about you personally (background; family; hobbies; business, professional, community or school activities in which you have been involved); any personal and/or professional challenges you have experienced in life, including overcoming obstacles related to socioeconomic and/or educational disadvantage; any activities involving the advancement of women or women's rights; your connection to Santa Barbara County; and your short and long term goals upon successful completion of law school and the bar examination.

Please note that phone or in person interviews will take place between September 1-4, 2026, between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Scholarships will be awarded on September 30, 2026 at SBWLF's Flagship Event, Onward and Upward. SBWLF asks that scholarship recipients reserve September 30, 2026 to attend Onward and Upward for receipt and recognition.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Telephone Numbers: Home: (____) _____ Work: (____) _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

How did you hear about the SBWL Foundation Scholarship? _____

Please list the undergraduate institutions you have attended, dates of attendance, and what degree(s) were obtained:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Undergraduate cumulative grade point average: _____

Please list the law schools you have, are or will be attending, as well as dates of attendance:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

LSAT score or percentile: _____

Years of law school completed: _____

Law school cumulative grade point average: _____

Languages spoken fluently: _____

Extra Curricular Activities, Awards, Honors and Offices Held: _____

Describe your community service involvement and achievements:

Please describe any activities in which you were involved that provided for the advancement of the rights or needs of women:

If awarded the scholarship, what would you use the funds toward?:

OPTIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

As stated above, one of the factors that may be considered, but is not required, is financial need. If you would like to be considered on the basis of financial need, please complete the following optional questions. If you do not wish to be considered on the basis of financial need, you may leave these questions blank.

Please note that financial need is only one of many factors considered and is not a necessary requirement for receipt of this scholarship.

Are you currently receiving financial aid? If yes, please describe:

Please describe your financial circumstances and need for this scholarship:

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the State of California, that the information provided in this entire application package is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Date: _____

Printed Name

Signature