Texas Young Lawyers Association
Public Interest Bar Scholarship Program
2026-2027

Scholarship Purpose

The Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) includes a membership of over 34,000 lawyers in their first twelve (12) years of practice. As the public service arm of the State Bar of Texas (SBOT), TYLA is on a mission to expand access to legal knowledge and legal support for Texans.

In furtherance of that mission, TYLA is establishing the Public Interest Bar Scholarship to support graduating law students who demonstrated a strong commitment to serving low-income Texans while in law school and plans to continue those efforts after law school. TYLA is proud to offer this scholarship to celebrate their contributions to access to justice, alleviate the financial burden of their bar preparation, and support their future impact on our most vulnerable communities. ***The five selected students will receive $2,000 each.***

Scholarship Eligibility and Criteria

Applicants must be members of the State Bar of Texas Law Student Division, graduating from a Texas law school in Spring 2027, and planning to take the bar exam in July 2027.

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on:

- Their demonstration of a commitment to public service while a law student
- Clear plans to work in public service after law school graduation
- Demonstrated financial need
- Professional resume

Applications are available at **tinyurl.com/TYLA4SERVICE**
and must be submitted by **5 PM on Friday, October 30th, 2026**.

A preview of the application is attached below

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Name *

First Name

Last Name

Email Address *

example@example.com

Phone Number *

(000) 000-0000

Please enter a valid phone number.

Law School *

Degree Sought (JD or LLM) *

Please Select

Access to meaningful representation can be a struggle for many communities, especially low-income communities in Texas. As a law student, how have you supported efforts to deliver legal representation to those who frequently lack it? (Limit: 500 words) *

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In law school, you enjoyed the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities. What inspired you to prioritize public service during your time as a law

student? (Limit: 350 words) *

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What are your plans after law school? How will you use your legal power to address the Access to Justice Crisis and stand up for low-income and vulnerable communities? (Limit: 500 words) *

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Our goal with this scholarship is to support graduating law students who may face financial stress as they navigate bar preparation including course costs, lost income during the study period, and exam expenses. Why is it financially important for you to receive this external support to navigate that process? (Limit: 350 words) *

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Professional Resume *

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Affirmation of Applicant: I have reviewed this application for omissions and errors. To the best of my knowledge, the information is accurate and complete. I understand that TYLA reserves the right to verify the contents of this application. *

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