

Lawyers' Mutual Insurance Company Scholarship Program In cooperation with the Daily Journal

Founded in 1978 in Burbank, California, Lawyers' Mutual Insurance Company has remained the premier provider of professional liability coverage for California lawyers.

The aim of the Lawyers' Mutual First-Generation Student Scholarship is to provide support to law school students who are the first in their families to pursue higher education and a legal career. Lawyers' Mutual applauds their decision to attend law school, often in the face of adversity and other financial hardships.

The Lawyers' Mutual First-Generation Law Student Scholarships aims to help promote a more inclusive legal community by bridging the opportunity gap typically not afforded to first-generation students who may not have had the same resources and/or opportunities as others.

The two (2) \$3,500 scholarships are made available to a law student attending any accredited law school in the state of California (see attached list). These law schools will be notified about the scholarships, and we will request that the financial aid offices and deans assist in promoting their availability.

Requirements

Candidates must be a first-generation student enrolled full-time in any of the California Schools of Law as noted to be considered. We consider a student to be first generation if neither parent earned a four-year college degree (or the equivalent). Candidates must also demonstrate interest with the intent to practice law through past internships, volunteer work or involvement in law-related organizations.

We recognize that this is a limited definition that does not fully encompass all circumstances, so if your experiences are unique and you identify as a first-generation college student, you may apply and write an addendum describing your situation. Common examples might include students who attended college concurrently with their parent(s), students who were raised by individuals other than their degree-holding parent(s), etc.; however, other circumstances will also be considered.

Submissions must include the following:

- Transcripts demonstrating good academic standing by providing both their undergraduate and graduate GPA.
- A current resume to provide relevant work experience and legal interest via internships or involvement in law-related organizations

Essay Submission:

- The Essay submission period of November 11, 2024 through January 1, 2025.
- Essays will be judged from their time of submission through February 10, 2025.
- Finalists will be informed on February 14, 2025.

Participants are required to submit between 750 and 1,000 words addressing the following topic:

“How has being a first-generation college student shaped your perspective/outlook, and how will that perspective contribute to the legal profession and broader California community?”

You may discuss any obstacles/hardships you have faced on your journey to law school, contributions to your community, volunteer work, history of leadership and/or advocacy, and what impact you hope to make at your law school and once you are licensed to practice law.

The essay may be submitted at the time of your application or emailed to us at schoolessay@dailyjournal.com as a PDF attachment by the **January 1, 2025** deadline.

Presentation of finalists:

Over the time period of February 24, 2025 through February 27, 2025 the Daily Journal will publish the names and essays of the 10 finalists. The two winners of the \$3,500 scholarship will be announced in the Daily Journal in the Lawyers’ Mutual print ad on the week of March 3, 2025.

Promotion:

During the submission period, the Daily Journal will publish a Call for Submissions in the newspaper, on their website, on daily email outreach, and on their social media channels. Lawyers’ Mutual will promote the Call for Submissions as well on their outreach channels.

During the presentation of finalists, the Daily Journal will promote each day’s essay with email and social media ads.

Judges:

Up to 8 retired judges who are currently acting as neutrals at participating alternative dispute resolution (ADR) companies will judge the essays. Each contributing ADR will receive name recognition in the promotion for this essay contest. The judging panel will select 10 finalists based on how well the applicants meet the qualifications outlined in the criteria above. Ultimately, Lawyers Mutual, in collaboration with the Daily Journal, will narrow down the list of finalists and choose the two scholarship recipients.

Students enrolled full time in the following schools qualify for the essay contest:

1. California Western School of Law
San Diego
2. Chapman University Fowler School of Law
Orange
3. Golden Gate University School of Law
San Francisco
4. Loyola Law School
Los Angeles
5. Pepperdine University Rick J. Caruso School of Law
Malibu
6. Santa Clara University School of Law
Santa Clara
7. Southwestern Law School
Los Angeles
8. Stanford Law School
Palo Alto
9. University of California Berkeley School of Law
Berkeley
10. University of California Davis School of Law (King Hall)
Davis
11. University of California Law, San Francisco
San Francisco
12. University of California Irvine School of Law
Irvine
13. UCLA School of Law
Los Angeles
14. University of San Diego School of Law
San Diego
15. University of San Francisco School of Law
San Francisco
16. University of Southern California Gould School of Law
Los Angeles
17. University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law
Sacramento
18. Western State College of Law at Westcliff University
Irvine