

THE CHESTER COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION

Hon. Charles B. Smith Scholarship Award (Need-based scholarship)

The Chester County Bar Foundation (CCBF) \$5,000 Hon. Charles B. Smith Scholarship Award provides financial assistance for post-high school education of a student interested in pursuing a career in law or a law related field.

Criteria for Selection

Applicants for the Scholarship Award must demonstrate academic excellence, wide ranging extracurricular activities, leadership, dedicated community service and an interest in and intent to pursue a career in law or a law related field.

Eligibility

The applicant must qualify for one of the three financial need categories on the application form. To be eligible, an applicant must be a citizen of the United States. Also, the applicant must be either a permanent resident of Chester County or enrolled in a high school located in Chester County as a senior. The CCBF Scholarship Committee may consider unique factors identified on the application form in making the Scholarship Award.

Award

The CCBF will provide one (1) \$5,000 Scholarship Award. Payment of the scholarship award shall be made directly to the successful applicant's college or university.

Community Grant

In addition to providing the scholarship award(s), the CCBF will also provide a community grant in the amount of \$1,000 to one of the below listed non-profit Chester County community organizations selected by the Scholarship Award winner:

- Chester County Fund for Women & Girls
- Crime Victims' Center of Chester County
- Domestic Violence Center of Chester County
- Family Service of Chester County
- Friends Association for the Care & Protection of Children
- Gateway HorseWorks
- Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society
- Legal Aid of Southeast Pennsylvania
- SeniorLAW Center
- Volunteer English Program of Chester County
- West Chester Child Access Center

Each of the eligible organizations in some manner furthers the mission of the Foundation to help Chester County citizens understand, gain access to and benefit from our legal system. The Foundation will provide the Scholarship Award recipient the honor of selecting the beneficiary of the community grant in further recognition of the recipient's proven dedication to benefit others through community service.

Scholarship Award Application Requirements:

- Completed application form
- Completed essay
- Academic transcript (Please obscure Social Security #)
- Deadline to submit Application: May 12, 2021

This is a need-based scholarship. In addition to the quality of the essay, financial need will be considered. Please answer the questions on the second page:

1. Does your family qualify for the free or reduced school lunch program (income at or below 185% of the poverty level)?

YES

NO

2. Does your family qualify for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)?

YES

NO

3. Does your family qualify for food stamp benefits?

YES

NO

Please provide a brief description of the career path you are interested in pursuing upon graduating from college, and how it fits the Bar Foundation's mission.

College or University you plan to attend (if known) _____

Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____

If you have been involved in any law-related activities that you would like to tell us about, please describe briefly.

If you have been awarded any scholarships, please identify the scholarship(s) and the amount.

Please list any extra-curricular or volunteer activities that you have participated in during your high school career.



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ESSAY QUESTION:

The Law Day 2021 theme is "*Advancing the Rule of Law, Now.*" The rule of law is the bedrock of American rights and liberties-in times of calm and unrest alike. The 2021 Law Day theme - *Advancing the Rule of Law, Now* - reminds all of us that we the people share the responsibility to promote the rule of law, defend liberty, and pursue justice.

What can each and every person in our country do to help promote and preserve the rule of law and thus protect our democracy for many years to come?

Respond to this statement in 750 or fewer words.
Type or print with black ink on white paper.
Double-spaced preferred.

YOUR NAME SHOULD NOT APPEAR ON THE ESSAY.

The Chester County Bar Foundation may publish the essays of the winning applicants.

Please submit application to:

Chester County Bar Foundation

15 W. Gay Street, 2ND floor

West Chester, PA 19380

Attn: Cody Bright

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