



**CONNECTED TO THE COMMUNITY.
COMMITTED TO THE FUTURE.**

OUR MISSION:

**To help Chester County citizens
understand, gain access to and
benefit from our legal system.**



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In 1985, a group of highly committed Chester County attorneys recognized a growing gap between the legal system and the citizens it serves. In an effort to connect the community with our legal system, those lawyers came together to form the Chester County Bar Foundation.

The Foundation's goal, then and now, is to fund initiatives which strengthen the ties between the citizens of Chester County and our justice system.



WHAT WE DO

Access to the Legal System

It is vitally important that the citizens of Chester County have access to our legal system. The Chester County Bar Foundation supports the award winning and state recognized Access to Justice Program where volunteer attorneys provide pro bono legal services to the working poor in Chester County.

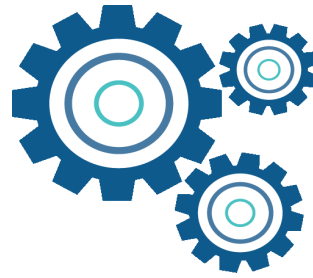


Standing by Our Mission

With its focused mission, the Chester County Bar Foundation took a giant leap forward in its efforts to raise funds through our annual Golf Classic and Key Gala. With the ongoing support of these events, the Chester County Bar Foundation Endowment is well positioned to support numerous programs and services and make an impact in our community now and into the future.

Understanding the Legal System

The Chester County Bar Foundation supports many programs and services that help Chester County citizens understand the legal system and inform them of their legal rights and responsibilities. Whether buying or selling a house, signing a lease, getting married or divorced, executing a Will or setting up a business, an understanding of our legal system is essential and our attorneys are committed to providing their knowledge and expertise.



OUR PROGRAMS

Law Related Education

The Chester County Bar Foundation has supported the Law Related Education Program since 1988. Chester County attorneys volunteer in classrooms throughout Chester County to teach students in grades two through twelve on law-related subjects that coordinate within their curriculum. Over the past 25+ years, more than 45,000 students have been educated and exposed to various areas of law and the legal system.

Birth Certificate Program

Clinics are held throughout the year to help individuals obtain birth certificates which are required in order to obtain many social services. Volunteer attorneys assist with the process and the Chester County Bar Foundation provides funding for all document processing.

Diverse Law Student Internship Program

Our Diverse Law Student Summer Internship Program is designed for first and second-year law students who self-identify with those groups historically discriminated against on the basis of disability, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or gender expression or who otherwise come from a disadvantaged background. The goal of this program is to achieve greater diversity in the Chester County Legal Community. Each year, the Chester County Bar Foundation supports the placement of one student in this program.

Charles E. Swope Scholarship

The Charles E. Swope Scholarship was established in 1992 to provide financial assistance towards post-high school education to a high school senior planning to pursue a career in law or a law-related field. Scholarship applicants must have demonstrated academic excellence and outstanding community citizenship. A student is awarded a scholarship as well as the opportunity to designate a matching grant to a law-related organization.

WHO WE SUPPORT

The Chester County Bar Foundation provides financial support for programs and services related to the law, and promotes access to justice.

- Access to Justice Program
- Law Related Education Program
- Peoples' Law School
- Law Day Celebration
- Charles E. Swope Scholarship
- Diverse Law Student Summer Program
- Birth Certificate Clinic
- Chester County Elder Abuse Task Force
- Crime Victims' Center of Chester County
- Domestic Violence Center of Chester County
- Family Service of Chester County
- Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania

To apply for a grant from our Foundation,
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Annual grant deadline: September 1

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