



# **PBA Environmental & Energy Law Section Minority Scholarship of the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation**

## **FAQs**

### **What is the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation?**

- The Pennsylvania Bar Foundation is the charitable affiliate of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the state's largest voluntary trade association for attorneys and the organization designated by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court as the most representative of the state's lawyers.
- The Foundation:
  - Provides grants to support law-related educational programming conducted by the Pennsylvania Bar Association for youth in grades K – College;
  - Provides grants to support diversity training and initiatives that serve to make the legal profession more inclusive;
  - Recognizes and encourages pro bono service and administers a statewide loan repayment assistance program to help talented lawyers choose and remain in public service careers; and
  - Conducts the PBA Environmental & Energy Law Section Minority Scholarship Program and other such programs and initiatives that provide financial assistance to law students attending any one of the accredited law schools presently serving Pennsylvania.

### **What is the PBA Environmental & Energy Law Section Minority Scholarship of the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation?**

- A scholarship that provides on an annual basis:
  - Up to nine scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500;
  - Specifically designated to support historically under-represented racial/ethnic minority law students (African American, Hispanic American, Asian Pacific Islander American, and Native American);
  - Awarded to Pennsylvania residents attending any one of the following accredited law schools:
    - Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Drexel University
    - Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University
    - Penn State Dickinson Law
    - Penn State Law
    - University of Pennsylvania Law School
    - University of Pittsburgh School of Law
    - Temple University Beasley School of Law
    - Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law
    - Widener University Commonwealth Law School
  - Selected by a committee comprised of Foundation Directors and Foundation members
  - A scholarship may be awarded at each law school.

### **What are the scholarship criteria?**

- Proof of Pennsylvania residency as documented by applicant's current voter registration card or current Pennsylvania driver's license.
- Proof of enrollment in a Pennsylvania accredited law school as documented by current unofficial academic transcript.
- Two letters of recommendation, at least one from a law school professor who can attest to the applicant's legal studies related to environmental/energy or a board member or director of an organization who can attest to the applicant's work or service to the same
- A one to three-page narrative describing your interest in the field of environmental and energy law. The narrative will be evaluated based on the following factors:
  - academic achievement; the student's demonstration of interest in the field of EEL, as evidenced by his or her academic studies, work or volunteer experience and interests; commitment to working as an EEL lawyer in Pennsylvania; benefits of the proposed pro bono project to the candidate, organization, general public and field of EEL; and financial need.
- Describe any environmental/energy law activities and experience (academic, volunteer, activism, employment, etc.) to date
  - If applicable, describe how your law school education will help you to be a better advocate for environmental/energy
  - Describe how receiving this scholarship will help advance your commitment to environmental/energy
- A student member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyers Division which is free for electronic members

### **How do I apply?**

- Complete the Application of PBA Environmental & Energy Law Section Minority Scholarship of the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation and attach requested information;
- Submit an essay of up to 500 words in length on how the applicant has demonstrated his/her potential for making a contribution to society and the legal profession;
- Submit two (2) letters of recommendations;
- Submit by **April 1** to:

PBA Environmental & Energy Law Section Minority Scholarship of the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation  
P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0186  
FAX: (717) 213-2548  
E-mail: [info@pabarfoundation.org](mailto:info@pabarfoundation.org)

### **When will the scholarships be awarded?**

Scholarships will be awarded after review by the Scholarships Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

### **What do I do if I have questions? Want additional information? Need an application?**

Visit: <https://www.pabar.org/site/Foundation/What-We-Do/EELS-Minority-Scholarship>

Call: (888) 238-3036