

NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The North Carolina Bar Association (NCBA) recognizes that, although the public perceives lawyers to be among the most affluent members of society, in fact many attorneys struggle to make ends meet, need to pay off large amounts of law school debt, or sometimes suffer from economic hardship due to the poor job market, disabilities or other factors. The NCBA wants membership in, and services from, the NCBA to be available to attorneys regardless of their ability to pay. We understand that one of the greatest services available for members is the high quality continuing legal education sponsored by the NCBA Foundation. As a result, the NCBA has established a scholarship program for membership in the NCBA and CLE program tuition.

What do the scholarships cover?

Membership scholarships cover up to 50% of basic membership dues in the NCBA. CLE scholarships will pay no more than 50% of the lowest NCBA member registration fee for the program (i.e. “the early bird rate,” other special discounts do not apply). A limited number of scholarships are available. CLE scholarships will not exceed 12 credit hours and must be used within the NCBA fiscal year awarded. We cannot grant scholarships for any online programming. Once approved for a CLE program scholarship, you are required to attend the CLE program specified on your application unless the program has been cancelled. If you are unable to attend that CLE program, your scholarship will be forfeited. You will be required to submit a new application for a different program. Expenses related to NCBA-sponsored social events, travel to and from the meeting, hotel stay and meals are the responsibility of the scholarship recipient. The NCBA Annual Meeting is not covered as part of this program. For meetings that receive a larger number than average of scholarship applicants, such as the annual Practical Skills course, only a certain number of scholarships will be awarded.

Who is eligible for a scholarship?

Any attorney residing in North Carolina and licensed in good standing with any state in the United States is eligible for a membership scholarship, provided he or she can show sufficient financial need that prevents the attorney from affording the basic dues. Any attorney member of the NCBA is eligible to apply for CLE scholarships. Non-member attorneys interested in CLE scholarships are required to apply for membership before or concurrently with submission of an application for CLE scholarships. Scholarships are not available for non-attorney affiliate membership dues nor affiliate member CLE tuition. Membership scholarships are only awarded once per member.

How do I apply for a scholarship?

Please fill out the form below and forward it to Joshua McIntyre, Director of Membership, North Carolina Bar Association at jmcintyre@ncbar.org or fax to (919) 657-1585. **CLE Scholarship applications must be received no later than 10 business days prior to the first day of the program to which it applies.** If application is received within 10 business days, it will not be considered. We will notify you within ten business days whether or not you have been awarded a scholarship. Incomplete applications received will be returned without review, with one notable exception: If the amount an applicant is willing to pay or amount requested is not completed, the assumption will be a scholarship request of 50%. It is also possible that the amount received in a scholarship can be a lower amount than requested.

What about confidentiality?

Although the NCBA may publicize the fact that scholarships have been awarded, and the number of scholarships so awarded, **the individual identities of scholarship applicants shall remain strictly confidential.**

Questions?

If you have questions about the NCBA scholarship program, please e-mail the Assistant to the Director of Membership, Amy Kemple at akemple@ncbar.org or call (919) 657-1584 or 1-800-662-7407.

North Carolina Bar Association Scholarship Application
(confidential when completed)

Name: _____ NCBA Member # _____

Firm/Employer: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

1. I am seeking assistance for: NCBA membership CLE Course Both membership and CLE

*Please refer to the NCBA Membership Application for dues and the CLE Bulletin for tuition,
or utilize our website at www.ncbar.org. Applications without this information will be returned without review.*

2. If applying for a CLE Scholarship, title and date of program for which you seek assistance:

3. I seek a scholarship in the amount of \$ _____, and understand that I am responsible for the remaining \$ _____.

Reminder: All scholarships are partial (up to 50%). If this application is received without this information completed, the assumption will be a request of 50% of the cost of tuition or dues.

4. Narrative statement of need (Please explain the financial circumstances and/or nature of your need):

5. How will becoming a member of the NCBA or attending this CLE program benefit you as an attorney?

6. Current employment status (full-time, part-time, contract, unemployed, working as paralegal, etc.):

7. Please attach any additional information you believe is relevant to your application.

By signing below, you are indicating that you have read and understand the parameters of the NCBA Scholarship Program and that the information you have provided is true and accurate.

Date Submitted

Applicant's Signature

**Return this form to Joshua McIntyre, Director of Membership, by fax (919.657.1585),
e-mail (jmcintyre@ncbar.org) or mail (NCBA, PO Box 3688, Cary, NC 27519-3688).**

This application is valid until June 30, 2017.