**2024**

**Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section Scholarship Program FAQs**

* **What Is the Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Scholarship Program?**

The Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section offers law students from law schools in and near Pennsylvania the opportunity to apply for a scholarship which permits them to attend our conferences. For 2024, law students are invited to apply to attend the January 2024 Winter Conference in Charleston, SC or the July 2024 Summer Conference in Cambridge, MD. The Scholarship Award covers 100% of the student meeting registration fee (typically $595 or more) and includes attendance at all CLE courses, two receptions, and three breakfasts during the Conference. The Scholarship Award also includes a stipend of up to $650 for reimbursement of travel and lodging expenses. While we typically only invite law students to the Winter meeting, because of the travel involved, we plan to extend the scholarship to the summer meeting as well.

* **Who Should Apply?**

Law students with an interest in practicing family law in Pennsylvania should apply. The Family Law Section meeting is an excellent opportunity to meet and network with family law attorneys from across the state. In addition, the CLE programs typically offered at the Conference cover a wide range of family law topics, including advanced discussions of issues related to divorce, property distribution, custody, child support, spousal support, alimony, domestic violence, and other family law related issues.

* **When and Where Is the Conference?**

The 2024 Winter Conference will be held at the Charleston Place Hotel from January 11-14, 2024 in Charleston, SC. The Conference will begin with a Welcome Reception on Thursday evening and the Conference ends Sunday morning. If you are attending the Conference, you should plan to be at Conference related events from late afternoon on the first day of the Conference until Sunday morning.

The 2024 Summer Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort from July 11-14, 2024 in Cambridge, MD. The Conference will begin with a Welcome Reception on Thursday evening and the Conference ends Sunday morning. We ask that attendees plan to attend the entire conference.

* **How Will I Meet People at the Conference?**

If you are accepted to our Scholarship Program,you will be invited to attend a Welcome Reception specifically for the law student scholarship participants. You will also be assigned an Attorney Mentor who will help you orient to the events of the weekend and introduce you to other attorneys from our Section. Our Section is a very collegial group and the law students who have attended in the past have reported that the Conference was an enjoyable, educational, and beneficial experience.

* **What Happens After the Conference?**

You will have the opportunity to remain in contact with your Attorney Mentor, if you wish to do so. In the past, some law students have returned for a second scholarship year. We hope that you will consider being a long-term member of our Section and utilize the resources and opportunities of our Section to advance your legal career.

* **How Do I Apply?**

You can apply by submitting the Scholarship Application to Pamela Kance, Committees and Sections Coordinator, PA Bar Association, P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 17108, or by email to [pam.kance@pabar.org](mailto:pam.kance@pabar.org).  **The application deadline for the 2024 Winter Meeting is November 6, 2023**. We will notify applicants of our review decisions shortly thereafter.

For the Summer Meeting, we will accept applications on a rolling basis, with a final deadline of April 30, 2024.

*Any additional questions can be directed to Jamie M. Jamison, Esquire who is coordinating the Scholarship Program. She can be reached at* [*jamie@jamisonfamilylaw.com*](mailto:jamie@jamisonfamilylaw.com)