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Colorado LGBTQ+ Bar Association Foundation

2026 Summit Scholarship

OVERVIEW

The Colorado LGBTQ+ Bar Association Foundation (the “**Foundation**”) Summit Scholarship furthers the legal profession by providing financial assistance, in the form of two scholarships, to deserving Colorado law students who have shown strong academic promise and community engagement. Each scholarship provides supplemental funding for law *students* who have a demonstrated ability in and commitment to affecting change in their communities through their commitment to working and being educated in the legal profession.

By providing scholarships to law students, the Foundation recognizes these students’ past achievements and provides much needed support for their future pursuits. Through these awards, we forge links between professional and emerging leaders, and help facilitate the growth and advancement of these individuals, as they continue to strengthen our communities.

The Foundation awards these scholarships through its own fundraising efforts. Two students will be selected for the scholarships and shall be known as Summit Scholars.

Visibility

All awardees must be current law students at The University of Colorado or The University of Denver. By applying for this scholarship, applicants consent to the use of their name and/or likeness in Foundation publications and promotional materials.

Guidelines and Terms of Awards

Academic achievement is the primary component of this competitive application process. Consideration will also include honors, personal/financial hardship, and service to the law school and/or legal community. All applications must strictly adhere to published application instructions and guidelines. **Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered.**

- Scholarships are educational in nature and can be applied to tuition, books, fees, or personal expenses.
- The scholarship funds are paid directly to the applicant. Please consult your tax advisor to determine individual tax liability. If the applicant's school requires reporting of financial awards, please report awarded funds to the appropriate department.
- Awards are valid only for the academic year in which the application is received. Awards are distributed in one disbursement, typically in December. The Foundation reserves the right to verify enrollment and academic standing prior to disbursement of funds.
- The Foundation Summit Scholarship Fund is a one-time funding opportunity, and those selected as Summit Scholars are ineligible to reapply to the organization.

- Foundation Board of Directors and Officers, selection committee members, major donors, and the family members of these groups are ineligible.
- The Summit Scholarships will be presented at the Annual Scholarship Gala on **October 16, 2026**. The scholarship awardee will be expected to attend a videotaping session and provide materials that the Foundation can use in the presentation at the annual celebration.

Application FAQs and Eligibility Requirements

The Foundation considers many factors when assessing scholarship applicants, including:

- A proven track record of leadership and community involvement
- Strong academic achievement
- Working for the betterment of their community, including their law school and/or legal community
- Financial need

Eligible applicants also:

- Must be enrolled as a rising 2L or 3L at an accredited law school based in Colorado by September 15 of the application year
- Must be enrolled for the full academic year

[Is there an age limit to apply to become a Summit Scholar?](#)

No, there is no age limit to be eligible to become a Summit Scholar.

If I am not a member of the LGBTQ+ community may I still apply?

Yes, the Foundation selects scholars whom it believes have made a contribution to their individual communities and who will continue to do so in the future. Talent and a drive to contribute to society are key characteristics of a Summit Scholar. We welcome accomplished scholars intending to practice law in all fields.

I am not sure that I qualify (or identify) as either financially disadvantaged or marginalized, but I am confident that I have many of the other strengths (history of leadership, dedication to the legal field, etc.). Should I still apply?

Yes, you may qualify and should apply. Our selection committee weighs all facets of each person's application. The Foundation supports scholars who have a variety of needs and who demonstrate a record of accomplishment and high achievement.

If I apply and am not selected, may I reapply?

Yes, applicants may reapply the following year. Each returning applicant is encouraged to submit the most current and competitive information possible, and not recycle their previous application.

Should I send my application early?

Early scholarship applications are always appreciated, and early submission also increases the likelihood of early notification of whether an applicant has advanced to the semifinalist round, allowing for more time to gather the required semifinalist supplementary materials.

However, each and every scholarship application that is submitted by the deadline of **11:59 p.m. MST on the last day of eligibility** will be evaluated equally.

How will I know if you received my scholarship application?

We will send each applicant a confirmation email when their scholarship application is received. Scholarship applicants who are selected as semifinalists will be notified by **September 14, 2026**.

How will the judging take place?

A Selection Committee made up of members of the Foundation Board of Directors will review completed applications. The review of applications is strictly confidential. The decision to award scholarships is final and binding in all respects. No justifications or critique will be provided to any third-party or to applicants regarding evaluation of rejected applications.



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APPLICANT SUBMISSION DEADLINES

August 17: Summit Scholarship Application opens.

September 6: Summit Scholarship Application closes.

September 14: Semi-Finalists are notified by e-mail and provided with additional application materials.

September 21: Deadline for Semi-Finalists to submit additional materials.

September 25: Scholarship winners are notified via phone call or e-mail.

October 16: Scholarship winners will be honored at the Annual Scholarship Gala.



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DIRECTIONS

Fill out the application completely. E-Mail one (1) copy of all materials in one (1) e-mail to the Foundation Scholarship Committee at ehitus@hollandhart.com. **All materials must be received by 11:59 pm MST on September 6.** No mailed or hand-delivered applications will be accepted.

A completed application will consist of:

- A complete, signed application on the form below;
- A Statement of Community Service;
- Personal Essay on the form below or attached;
- Current resume;
- Current law school transcript (official or unofficial transcripts will be accepted); and
- Completed and signed Publication Release.



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NAME, ADDRESS AND PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Full Name:	Preferred Pronouns:
Mailing Address:	Telephone: ()
City, State, Zip Code	
E-mail Address:	
Enrollment Status (choose one) Full Time Part Time	Are you eligible for Financial Aid? Yes No Unknown



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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of Law School:	Name of Undergraduate College or University: Date of Graduation: Undergraduate Degree:
Law School Mailing Address:	Telephone: ()
City, State, Zip Code	
Current Year in Law School:	
Expected Graduation Date:	Current Grade Point Average on four-point scale:



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STATEMENT ON PERSONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE

In no more than one (1) page, double-spaced, 12-point font, **please describe your current and past involvement in community service in your law school or community.**



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PERSONAL ESSAY

In no more than two (2) pages, double-spaced, 12-point font, please write a short essay **describing adversity you have faced in your life, how you addressed it, how it has shaped your worldview, and how it informed your decision to go to law school.**



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CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information will result in disqualification from the scholarship program and may be reported to the applicant's law school.

I have fully reviewed and agree to comply with the terms and qualifications outlined in the Colorado LGBTQ+ Bar Association Foundation Summit Scholarship Application.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____



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PUBLICATION RELEASE

I, the undersigned, hereby assign and grant to the Colorado LGBTQ+ Bar Association Foundation the right and permission to use and publish the materials/photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of and submitted by me, and I hereby release the Colorado LGBTQ+ Bar Association Foundation from any and all liability from such use and publication. I understand that if I am selected to receive an award, I will provide the Colorado LGBTQ+ Bar Association Foundation with a high-quality, digital photograph (professional attire required).

I hereby authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage and/or distribution of said materials/photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the Colorado LGBTQ+ Bar Association Foundation and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing. I understand that failure to execute this release will result in my application being ineligible for award consideration. Additionally, if I fail to provide the aforementioned photograph within 30 days of award notification, my award offer will be rescinded.

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Phone number:

Signed: _____ Date:_____



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