



Intellectual Property Law Section

State Bar of Texas

2026 IP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas (IP Law Section) will award three \$5,000 scholarships to eligible law students. Any student enrolled in a law school in Texas during any part of the application submission period may apply. Students who have been accepted to law school but have not yet started classes at the time the application is filed are not eligible. Students who have graduated at the time the scholarship is awarded are eligible. Although students in their first year of study are welcome to apply, given the greater experience in intellectual property of those in their second and third years, student should be advised that often priority is given to those in their second and third years of study. Those that have previously applied but were not awarded the scholarship are highly encouraged to re-apply.

The purpose of the scholarships is to encourage law students who have not traditionally been represented in Intellectual Property practice to enter the Intellectual Property profession in Texas by providing financial assistance to help defray the expenses of a law-school education.

Selection criteria for the scholarships may include but are not limited to:

- Scholastic merit;
- Financial need;
- Membership in a socio-economic group traditionally under-represented in the practice of Intellectual Property law;
- Contribution to or interest in supporting diversity in the legal profession, including diversity in terms of area of law, geography, experience, or background. The scholarship is open to all students regardless of race, sex, religion, national origin, age, or disability;
- Demonstrated experience and interest in the practice of law in Intellectual Property;
- Texas roots;
- First generation in a family to go to college or law school;
- Science and/or engineering undergraduate education or experience;
- Contributions to or participation in minority or diversity programs;
- Challenges faced due to a disability;
- Community service; or
- Extracurricular activities both inside and outside law school, including legal externships or internships in the field of Intellectual Property.

This application should be completed and returned by email to Juanita DeLoach at jdeloach@btlaw.com and Marylauren Ilagan at marylauren.ilagan@olaplex.com (entire applications only, *i.e.*, applications including essay and transcripts).

This application form is available online at www.texasbariplaw.org or from the student's law school's Financial Aid or Dean's office. **Applications must be emailed by no later than May 1, 2026.** The scholarships will be selected on or before May 22, 2026. The recipients will be recognized at the IP Section luncheon at the next Annual Meeting, to be held at the Marriott Marquis in Houston, Texas, on June 11th–12th. Recipients must be able to provide the State Bar with an executed IRS W-9 form.