Joseph T. McDonald Memorial 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:
  o Provides grants to support civic and law-related educational programming conducted by the Pennsylvania Bar Association for youth in grades K – College;
  o 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
  o Conducts the James W. Stoudt Memorial Scholarship Program and a Named Scholarship Program to provide financial assistance to law students attending any one of the accredited law schools presently serving Pennsylvania.
  o Helps attorneys and organizations within the legal community realize their unique charitable interests through the creation of donor-advised or dedicated funds.

What is the Joseph T. McDonald Memorial Scholarship Program?
• Established in 2013 and renewed in 2018, the scholarship seeks to provide financial assistance to third year law students attending Dickinson Law who are involved in the trial advocacy program and have an interest in pursuing trial advocacy after graduation.
• Provides a $3,000 scholarship, awarded annually, on a competitive basis, for the next five years.

What are the scholarship criteria?
• Enrollment at Dickinson Law;
• Full time student;
• 3L/Third year student;
• Pennsylvania residency as documented by applicant’s voter registration card or Pennsylvania driver’s license;
• Involved in the trial advocacy program as affirmed by student and evidenced by unofficial academic transcript;
• Interest in pursuing trial advocacy after graduation as discussed in the applicant’s 250 to 500-word essay and evidenced by the applicant’s recommendations; and
• A Law Student Member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association which is free for electronic members. Sign-up at www.pabar.org/public/Membership/lawstudentapplicationblurb.asp
How do I apply?

- Complete the Joseph T. McDonald Memorial Scholarship Application and attach requested information;
- Submit an essay of up to 500 words in length on the applicant’s interest/plans to pursue trial advocacy after graduation;
- Submit up to two (2) recommendations from a faculty advisor, professor, dean, employer or lawyer; and
- Submit all of the requested information by December 1 to:

  Joseph T. McDonald Memorial Scholarship of the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation
  P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0186.
  FAX: 717-213-2548
  E-mail: info@pabarfoundation.org

When will the scholarships be awarded?

- Scholarships will be awarded no later than December 31.

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

- Contact
  - Info@pabarfoundation.org
  - (888) 238-3036