American Bar Association
Section of Public Contract Law

Scholarship Program Overview

Overview
The Section is actively looking for underrepresented members of the procurement profession by investing in attorneys who will participate actively in, and contribute to, the substantive work of the Section; will grow into future leadership positions within the Section; and will promote the balance of ideas in the procurement community. The particular focus of the scholarship program is on minorities, women, persons with disabilities, persons of differing sexual orientations and gender identities, lawyers of color, young lawyers, in-house counsel, and federal, state, and local government lawyers. Highlights about each scholarship are listed below. Applications are available in April on the section’s website. Questions? Contact Section Director, Patty Brennan – patty.brennan@americanbar.org

Full Section Scholarship
Two-year meeting scholarship beginning with the Public Procurement Symposium/Fall Council Meeting. The scholarship provides up to $3,700 per year to reimburse travel costs to attend the Section's three educational conferences and their accompanying Council meetings (Public Procurement Symposium, Federal Procurement Institute (FPI), and Annual Meeting). This scholarship also includes a waiver of the registration fee for each meeting.

Eligibility: No specific eligibility, however, preference is given to an underrepresented member of the procurement profession.

Requirements: The scholarship recipient is expected to:
▪ become a member of the Section;
▪ attend all three Section educational conferences and the accompanying Council meetings held in conjunction with them;
▪ become involved in one or more Section committees;
▪ work on at least one committee project;
▪ make at least one substantive presentation or contribution related to public contract law;
▪ provide the Section feedback on the scholarship experience; and
▪ serve as a resource to future scholarship recipients.

Marilyn Neforas Scholarship for Young Lawyer Women in Public Contract Law
One-year meeting scholarship beginning with the Public Procurement Symposium/Fall Council Meeting. The scholarship provides up to $3,700 to reimburse travel costs to attend the Section’s three educational conferences and their accompanying Council meetings (Public Procurement Symposium, Federal Procurement Institute (FPI), and Annual Meeting). This scholarship also includes a waiver of the registration fee for each meeting.

Eligibility: Applicant must be:
(1) a woman;
(2) a young lawyer (under the age of 36 or practicing for five years or less);
(3) a member of the Section for at least one year as of the deadline for application submissions; and
(4) exhibit promise in developing commitment to the Section, selflessness, integrity, perseverance, and heart.
Preference is given to an underrepresented member of the procurement profession.
Marilyn Neforas Scholarship for Young Lawyer Women in Public Contract Law (continued)

Requirements: The scholarship recipient is expected to:
- become a member of the Section;
- attend all three Section educational conferences and the accompanying Council meetings held in conjunction with them;
- become involved in one or more Section committees;
- work on one at least one committee project;
- make at least one substantive presentation or contribution related to public contract law;
- provide the Section feedback on the scholarship experience; and
- serve as a resource to future scholarship recipients.

Section Paired Scholarships
One-year scholarship awarded to a pair: an established Section member and a young/junior attorney who has not shown a history of regular or active Section participation. The Paired Scholarship consists of waiving the registration fee for the educational program for each program at which both are present. No travel reimbursement is available.

Eligibility:
- The pair may be, but need not be, from the same organization.
- Preference is given to pairs which consist of a Section member who has been active in the Section for at least 5 years and a young attorney (under the age of 36 or practicing for five years or less) who does not regularly attend Section meetings.
- Established Section members and young/junior attorneys may apply individually, or as a pair, and will be matched by the Scholarship committee.

Requirements:
- The pair shall be expected to attend all three Section educational conferences and the accompanying Council meetings held in conjunction with them;
- become a member of the Section;
- becoming involved in one or more Section committees;
- work on one at least one committee project;
- make at least one substantive presentation or contribution related to public contract law;
- provide the Section feedback on the scholarship; and
- serve as a resource to future scholarship recipients.
- Senior attorneys from the paired scholarship are also expected to attend meetings with the junior attorney, promote their involvement, and help overcome any barriers that prevent the junior attorney’s involvement.