

JUSTICE HOLLIS G. BEST SCHOLARSHIP

Established by Friends of Justice Best

As a memorial to the late Presiding Justice Hollis G. Best, his friends have established a scholarship to encourage and support outstanding academic achievement and commitment to service by law students.

The Best Scholarship is an annual award presented this year in the amount of \$2,000, during the Spring 2026 semester. More than one scholarship may be awarded.

SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES

Each candidate must be a law student or recent graduate who has successfully completed at least one year of law school. Strong preference will be given to current residents of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, Tulare or Tuolumne Counties.

Primary considerations are academic achievement and the breadth and depth of the applicant's extracurricular and community activities.

Financial need and demonstrated leadership capabilities are also taken into consideration.

Applications may be obtained through the law school's Financial Aid Office or by mail/email from the Hollis G. Best Scholarship Committee. Completed applications should be returned by mail or email to the Hollis G. Best Scholarship Committee at the following:

Justice Hollis G. Best Scholarship Committee
Fifth District Court of Appeal
2424 Cesar Chavez Boulevard
Fresno, California 93721
Contact: Margo Feldkamp (559) 445-5640
Email: margo.feldkamp@jud.ca.gov

Completed applications must be received by
the Hollis G. Best Scholarship Committee by January 15, 2026.

Personal interviews may be scheduled at the discretion of the Committee.

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APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

PART I — PERSONAL INFORMATION AND ACTIVITIES

Name _____ Phone _____
Last First Middle Home

Address _____
Street Apt. #

_____ City State Zip

Email _____

Indicate dates of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, Tulare, or Tuolumne County residency:

Law School Name/Year _____

Undergraduate and Graduate Schools Attended:

1) Degree _____ Date _____

2) Degree _____ Date _____

3) Degree _____ Date _____

L.S.A.T. _____ College G.P.A. _____ Law School G.P.A. _____

This scholarship is awarded primarily on the basis of academic achievement and school and community activities. Demonstrated leadership abilities and financial need are also considered.

List Pertinent Activities; Attach Additional Page If Necessary

- 1) _____ Date(s) _____
- 2) _____ Date(s) _____
- 3) _____ Date(s) _____

PART II — FINANCIAL INFORMATION

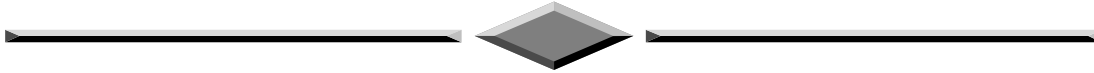
Please complete the annual income and expense statement in detail. The committee will return without evaluation any application received without this information.

Student's Annual Expenses		Student's Annual Income	
Tuition/Fees	\$	Student's Net Wages	\$
Books	\$	Employer's Name:	
Supplies	\$	Spouse/Domestic Partner's Net Wages	\$
Spouse/Domestic Partner's Educational Expenses	\$	Aid from Parents	\$
Rent/Mortgage	\$	Aid from Others	\$
Utilities	\$	Social Security	\$
Clothing/Laundry/Cleaning	\$	Veteran's Benefits	\$
Food/Household	\$	Scholarships/Fellowships/Grants	\$
Transportation	\$	Loans	\$
Child Care	\$	Income Tax Refunds	\$
Number of Dependents:		Spousal/Child Support	\$
Medical/Dental	\$	Other Income	\$
Debt Repayment	\$		
Other Expenses	\$		

Please attach an explanatory paragraph if you have other financial data which the Committee should consider.

PART III — NARRATIVE

Please attach a narrative, no longer than one typed page, discussing your career goals, activities, honors, and special awards received. Do not use outline form.



I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information supplied in this Application and attachments is true and correct.

I agree to inform the Committee of any changes which may occur in this information.

Date _____ Applicant's signature _____

Mail completed application to:

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2424 Cesar Chavez Boulevard

Fresno, California 93721

Or email to: margo.feldkamp@jud.ca.gov

APPLICATION PERIOD ENDS January 15, 2026