



THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION
2026
Real Property Law Section Memorial Scholarship

The New York Bar Foundation is pleased to announce the ***2026 Real Property Law Section Memorial Scholarship***, which has been established by The Foundation through a gift from the Real Property Law Section of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) to honor the memory of past Section leaders whose impactful work on behalf of the Section and its members as well as practitioners of real estate law generally is immeasurable.

Three \$7,500.00 Scholarships will be awarded to three second- or third-year law students who best exemplify the core values important to those whose memory we honor - academic excellence, a demonstrated interest in public service, high integrity and, if possible, an interest in real property law.

To ensure geographic diversity, the Foundation will strive to select students attending New York State law schools in different counties each year, so that over time students from all areas of the state will be able to benefit from the Scholarships.

Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need.

The Real Property Law Section Memorial Scholarship

1. A total of three scholarships, each valued at \$7,500.00, will be awarded to three students enrolled on a full time or part-time basis during academic year 2025-2026 in a law school in the State of New York.
2. Each Scholar will be a guest member of the NYSBA Real Property Law Section during the 2026 calendar year.
3. Each Scholar will be invited to attend Executive Committee meetings of the NYSBA Real Property Law Section during the 2026 calendar year and to work on one of the Section's many Committee projects or Task Forces.
4. Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than January 9, 2026, and invited to attend the Annual Meeting and Luncheon of the Section in New York City on January 13, 2026.

Eligibility

1. The Scholarship is open to all second- and third-year full time students enrolled in a law school in the State of New York during the fall 2025 semester. If attending part-time, the Scholarship is open to second-, third- and fourth-year students enrolled in a law school in the State of New York during the fall 2025 semester.
2. Candidates must have attained a minimum 3.0 or equivalent GPA in law school and must have attained a ranking in the top quarter of the class.
3. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need.

Payment of Scholarship

Each Scholarship will be paid to the student.

Scholarship Application Requirements

The applicant **must** submit the following as a single PDF file:

1. Completed application (form below).
2. Cover letter of interest in the practice of real property law.
3. A resume describing your prior employment and other relevant qualifications and activities.
4. Unofficial law school transcript.
5. Two letters of recommendation, at least one of which is from a law school professor unrelated to the applicant by blood or marriage.
6. An essay written by the student demonstrating why he or she exemplifies the Section's core values. The essay should be no more than two pages, 12-point font, double spaced with 1-inch margins.

Deadline

Completed application must be submitted by email on or before **Monday, December 29, 2025.**

Judging

Criteria for judging will be:

1. Content and quality of application materials.
2. Demonstrated interest in public service and, if possible, real property law.
3. Record of academic excellence.
4. Maturity, integrity, professionalism.
5. Leadership experience.
6. Quality of written expression.
7. Work experience.
8. Any other relevant factors.

Submission

Only single PDF files will be accepted.

Completed application must be submitted by email on or before **Monday, December 29, 2025.**

Email submissions should be sent to [**Ldorr@tnybf.org**](mailto:Ldorr@tnybf.org)

Please include **‘RPLS Memorial Scholarship’** in the subject line.

New York State Bar Association

The Real Property Law Section serves New York real property lawyers and the public, promotes the successful transaction of real estate business in New York State, and contributes to the sound development of real property law in New York State. Toward that end, the Section:

- Identifies and draws public attention to problems, abuses, and issues affecting real property, recommending improvements in real property law, procedure and practice as appropriate.
- Publishes a high-quality journal to keep Section members informed of developments and the latest thinking in real property law.
- Provides a Section website and gives Section members a variety of forums to discuss the state of the law and possibilities for improvement.
- Offers high quality continuing legal education programs to Section members.
- Acts as a resource for legislators and government officials and comments on and, where appropriate, initiates legislation.
- Establishes and operates committees and task forces that seek to achieve the Section's goals within numerous areas of real property law.
- Educates the public about real estate law and the benefits of using lawyers in real property transactions, particularly residential transactions.
- Works with the real estate finance, brokerage, title insurance, surveying and other related industries, to improve practices, communications and working relationships.

About The New York Bar Foundation

Founded in 1950, The New York Bar Foundation is dedicated to aiding educational, direct legal services, and charitable projects aimed at meeting the law-related needs of the public and the profession. The Foundation solicits charitable contributions and provides funding through its grant making program for the following purposes:

- Increasing public understanding of the law
- Improving the justice system and the law
- Facilitating the delivery of civil legal services
- Enhancing professional competence and ethics

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Application Form

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

School Address (if different): _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Law School Attending: _____

Day Student _____ Night Student _____

Year of Law School Study as of September 1, 2025: _____

Prior Education:

Dates	College Name	Address	Major	Attended	Degree
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Are you receiving financial aid or participating in a work study program at the law school?

___ Yes ___ No If yes, please describe

Have you previously received Scholarships? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, please describe:

What is your GPA and class ranking in law school as of July 1, 2025?

Attach the following materials to this application as a single PDF file:

1. Cover letter indicating your interest in the practice of real property law.
2. A law school transcript (transcripts need not be official; finalists may be asked to provide official transcripts).
3. A resume describing your prior employment and other relevant qualifications and activities.
4. Two letters of recommendation, at least one of which is from a law school professor unrelated by blood or marriage to the applicant.
5. Two-page double-spaced essay written by the applicant demonstrating why the applicant exemplifies the Section's core values of academic excellence, a demonstrated interest in public service, high integrity and, if possible, an interest in real property law.

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Certification:

I hereby certify that all of the statements contained, and information provided in this application and in the attachments hereto, are truthful, to the best of my knowledge, and that I meet the eligibility requirements for the 2026 Real Property Law Section Memorial Scholarship.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Where did you hear of TNYBF Scholarship Opportunity? _____