



2026 Scholarship Fund

Application Deadline– April 17, 2026

Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

Thank you for applying for an academic scholarship with the Bucks County Bar Foundation. The information in this Application will help the Foundation evaluate your eligibility for our scholarship programs. Our Selection Committee will review all completed applications and determine the recipient(s) for each Scholarship. The Selection Committee may, at its discretion, interview the top applicants or may contact references, if given. The Foundation may, at its discretion, award more than one scholarship of each type or award more than the amount indicated. Please note that all information will be kept confidential.

Application Deadline is April 17, 2026

Recipients will be notified by May 1, 2026

Scholarship Presentation on May 20, 2026

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The Foundation offers two scholarships, the Thomas E. Mellon, Jr. Scholarship and The William Penn Scholarship. The criteria for these two scholarships can be found on the last page of this application or at <https://www.bucksbar.org/bar-foundation/bcbf-scholarship/>. After reviewing the criteria, please select which Scholarship you are applying for (you may apply for both if you meet the eligibility criteria for both Scholarships):

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Thomas E. Mellon, Jr. Scholarship

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The William Penn Scholarship

Please fill out the information requested completely and accurately. You may either print or type the information into the form.

PART I - General Information

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF BUCKS COUNTY: _____

PHONE NUMBERS: Home _____ Cell _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PART II - Scholastic Information

CURRENT SCHOOL: (High School or College) _____

IS YOUR SCHOOL PUBLIC OR PRIVATE: _____

YEAR IN SCHOOL: _____ Full Time _____ Part Time _____

ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE (current) _____

MOST RECENT CUMULATIVE GPA: _____

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (please include a separate page resume if space provided below is inadequate): _____

HONORS/AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS: _____

PART III - Leadership and Community Service

A. Please describe leadership positions you have held at school and with outside organizations:

B. Please describe your public service and community activities:

PART IV – Future Plans

A. If you know, please indicate what school you will be attending or you will likely attend next year:

B. What field of study do you intend to pursue: _____

C. What do you intend to do after you complete your education: _____

PART V- References (optional)

1. Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

2. Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

3. Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

PART VI – Additional Materials

A. All applicants **must include their school transcript.**

B. All applicants **must write an essay.**

C. Additionally, please provide any other materials that you believe would be helpful to the Selection Committee in making a decision. These may include:

- Cover Letter
- Resume

PART VII - Household Income

ONLY REQUIRED FOR THOMAS E. MELLON JR. SCHOLARSHIP

A. Please check the following as the most accurate representation of your total household income:

☐	\$ 0 - \$50,000
☐	\$ 101,000- \$150,000
☐	\$ 200,000 or above

☐	\$ 51,000 - \$100,000
☐	\$ 150,000 - \$200,000

B. Number of people in your household: _____

C. If you are in college or attend a private high school, how tuition has been paid to date:

D. How do you intend to pay for the cost of your education for the next school year:

E. List any anticipated scholarship and/or grant money that you have applied for and may receive, including total or projected amount:

F. Have you received any other financial assistance for the costs of your education, such as educational trusts, payments for other sources (grandparents, family friends, etc.)? If so, please list:

G. Are you currently employed? If so, where? Position? For how long?: _____

H. Do you intend to continue to work during college: _____

I. Please provide any other financial information that you would like the Selection Committee to consider:

PART VII - Statement of Intent

By signing below, I certify that all facts and statements provided in this application and the attachments hereto are true and that I will use any scholarship funds awarded to me for my education.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Applicant's Printed Name

**Please return completed applications to:
Bucks County Bar Association
Attention: BCBF
135 East State Street
Doylestown, PA 18901**

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS AND CRITERIA

THOMAS E. MELLON, JR. SCHOLARSHIP

The Thomas E. Mellon, Jr. Scholarship, established by the Bucks County Bar Foundation, is intended to honor one of the Bucks County Bar Association's most ardent supporters – Thomas E. Mellon, Jr.

To honor the commitment and dedication of Thomas E. Mellon, Jr., to the practice of law, to the ideals of public service and commitment to community service, we have created the Thomas E. Mellon, Jr. Scholarship Fund. Supported by individual contributions, the Thomas E. Mellon, Jr. Scholarship Fund will provide a scholarship to any candidate attending a four-year liberal arts education program who has shown extraordinary commitment to public service and/or community service.

The scholarship will be provided on an annual basis and the recipients will be selected by a committee comprised of the scholarship committee and a member of the Mellon Family.

Criteria for Selection

Applicants for the Thomas E. Mellon, Jr. Scholarship must demonstrate academic excellence, financial need, Bucks County residency and the potential for making a contribution to society and/or the legal profession either through anticipated legal study or other efforts as discussed in the applicant's essay and evidenced by the applicant's recommendations or a history of extraordinary commitment to public service or community service.

AWARD: \$1000 to \$3000

The Foundation may award multiple scholarships, as deemed appropriate by the scholarship committee.

THE WILLIAM PENN SCHOLARSHIP

The Bucks County Bar Foundation recognizes that the members of the Bucks County Bar Association give tirelessly of themselves in their chosen profession, as well as to their communities. BCBF has established the William Penn Scholarship to honor and further the defining characteristics of the members of the Bucks County Bar Association: dedication and commitment to the legal profession, and wholehearted commitment to public and community service.

This Scholarship fund will provide financial assistance for the post-high school education of students interested in pursuing a career in law or a law-related field, who has shown extraordinary commitment to public service or community service.

Criteria for Selection

Applicants for the Award must demonstrate academic excellence, wide ranging extracurricular activities, leadership, dedicated community service and an interest in and intent to pursue a career in law or a law-related field.

Eligibility

To be eligible, an applicant must be a citizen of United States and a permanent resident of Bucks County. In addition, an applicant must be enrolled in high school as a senior at the time of application. The Foundation scholarship committee may consider unique factors identified on the application form in making the Award.

Award - \$1000.00

The Foundation may award multiple scholarships, as deemed appropriate by the scholarship committee.