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| A logo for a bar association  Description automatically generated | **Ellis County (Kansas) Bar Association** **Rural Justice Scholarship****2025-2026** |

The Ellis County (Kansas) Bar Association Rural Justice Scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance for undergraduate students from 18 counties in Northwest Kansas that make up the Kansas 23rd Judicial District and adjoining counties who aspire to pursue a legal education and ultimately practice law in rural areas of the state. The scholarship seeks to identify individuals with a passion for contributing to the legal needs of smaller communities and fostering access to justice in these areas.

**Award Amount**: $1000

**Application Deadline**: April 1, 2025

**Scholarship Criteria** - Eligible applicants shall:

**To apply**, submit the following materials to the Ellis County Bar Association, elliscountyksbar@gmail.com:

1. Completed Scholarship Application Form
2. Unofficial academic transcript – if you are graduating from high school this year, please submit your high school transcript. Otherwise, please submit your college transcript.
3. Personal essay – write an essay of 500 words or less discussing your career goals, including your commitment to practicing law in rural Kansas.
4. One letter of recommendation from a teacher/professor or work supervisor.

*NOTE*: Scholarship recipients will be asked to submit a short biography and photo to be included in a media release announcing their selection.

* Be graduates of high schools or homeschooled in one the following Northwest Kansas counties: Ellis, Gove, Rooks, Trego, Rush, Russell, Phillips, Norton, Graham, Sheridan, Thomas, Logan, Scott, Lane, Ness, Barton, Osborne, and Smith. Preference will be given to applicants who have graduated/been homeschooled in one of the counties located in the Kansas 23rd Judicial District (Ellis, Gove, Rooks, and Trego).
* Have a minimum high school and/or college GPA of 3.0/4.0 scale.
* Be enrolled full-time at a 2- or 4-year college in Kansas for the 2025-26 academic year.
* Intend to attend law school after college and practice law in a rural area of Kansas (defined as any county in Kansas except Douglas, Johnson, Leavenworth, Sedgwick, Shawnee, or Wyandotte). Preference will be given to applicants who intend to practice in one of the Northwest Kansas counties listed above.

**Questions**? Contact the Ellis County Bar Association, elliscountyksbar@gmail.com.

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**Scholarship Application Form**

Student Information

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| Name |  |
| Permanent Address |  |
| City/State/Zip |  |
| Current Address |  |
| City/State/Zip |  |
| Phone |  |
| Email |  |

Academic Information

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| High School Attended |  |
| High School Grad Year |  | High School GPA |  |
| College Attending |  |
| Major 1 |  |
| Major 2 / Minor |  |
| College Grad Year |  | College GPA |  |

Additional Information

On separate typed attachments, please submit the following items with your application:

1. A list of activities, leadership roles, or awards/honors for high school and college (if applicable).
2. Unofficial academic transcript – if you are graduating from high school this year, please submit your high school transcript. Otherwise, please submit your college transcript.
3. Personal essay – write an essay of 500 words or less discussing your career goals, including your commitment to practicing law in rural Kansas.
4. One letter of recommendation from a teacher/professor or work supervisor. Please have your recommender send the letter directly to the Ellis County Bar Association, elliscountyksbar@gmail.com.

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Affirmation & Authorization Statement

I affirm that the information on this application form and attachments is true and accurate.

I authorize the release of the information included on this application form and attachments to members of the Ellis County Bar Association scholarship committee as part of the selection process.

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| **Yes** | **No** |  |
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Applicant Signature Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is under 18 years old) Date

Submit application materials to:

Ellis County Bar Association - elliscountyksbar@gmail.com