

**Northern Santa Barbara County Women Lawyers Association
Onward and Upward Scholarship Program Instructions and Application (2026)**

(Amount Awarded: \$3,500.00)

INSTRUCTIONS

To qualify for this Scholarship Program you must be: a current student at San Luis Obispo College of Law *or* Santa Barbara Colleges of Law. Applicants must be willing to answer all of the following questions, which include a statement of intended or current pursuit of a career in a legal environment. Please answer each question and fill out to the best of your ability to be considered for this scholarship award.

E-mail your application to Heather Weare at hweare@aol.com; Roxanna Vazquez-Calderon at roxanna.vazquez@icloud.com; and Christina Gonzalez at treasurerNSBCWLA@gmail.com on or before **Friday, September 18, 2026 at 11:59pm PST**.

In addition to the questions listed below, please provide the following items when submitting your application:

1. Your resume;
2. A copy of your law school transcript; and
3. Two to four letters of recommendation from individuals who have known you for at least one year.

Please note that Zoom interviews will take place between Wednesday, September 23rd to Wednesday, September 30th, between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The recipient will be notified via electronic mail on October 1, 2026.

The recipient will be invited and strongly encouraged to attend the **Annual Award Dinner on October 8, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.** at Far Western located at 300 E Clark Ave, Orcutt, CA 93455.

APPLICATION

Full Name: _____
Physical Address: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Email Address: _____ Telephone Number: (____) ____ - _____

1. What law school will receive the scholarship funds, if you are awarded the NSBCWLA's Onward and Upward Scholarship? Please provide the term/program length. *(Please note that all scholarship monies will be distributed directly to the recipient's law school.)*

2. What year are you currently enrolled in? (Check the one that applies.)

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3. When do you intend to sit for the California State Bar? Why?

4. What type of work in a legal environment are you interested in pursuing ? What inspired you to pursue this type of work? (150 words or less)
5. Tell us about yourself: What hobbies, interests, activities do you engage in? What challenges have you faced or are facing? What activities do you participate in, within the community (not just the legal community-- for example, political advocacy)? (300 words or less)
6. What talents, skills, insights and perspectives do you believe that you can contribute to the legal community? (250 words or less)
7. What is your biggest lesson learned as a student, or generally, so far? (150 words or less)

Thank you for your submission. We look forward to speaking to you about your application. Good luck!

By signing this application, I am acknowledging that I have answered the above questions accurately, to the best of my ability. I also acknowledge that no representation has been made to me by NSBCWLA (officially or unofficially) that I will be awarded scholarship funds. I understand that NSBCWLA and its Board of Directors have the sole discretion as to the award of scholarship funds.

Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____