



The Hernando County Bar Association Scholarship Application 2026

INSTRUCTIONS:

Applicants must be Hernando County residents and must submit the following:

- (1) a complete Scholarship Application;
- (2) a 750-1000 word essay addressing the ABA law week theme *“The Rule of Law and the American Dream.” The rule of law—the idea that no person is above the law—is what ensures the rights of the people to live their lives as freely as possible and to pursue their dreams.* which can be further explored at americanbar.org;
- (3) an official transcript identifying current GPA; and
- (4) proof of present or future enrollment.

Complete applications must be received no later than **April 15, 2026** and may be submitted by email to HCBA Scholarships@gmail.com

Full Legal Name: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____

For which scholarship are you applying? *An individual may apply for multiple scholarships, but no one individual will be awarded more than one scholarship.*

- ___ **Alan W. Underwood \$1,500 Memorial Scholarship** (Any Pasco-Hernando State College student seeking to study in a law-related field)
- ___ **Geraldine Bishop \$1,500 Memorial Scholarship** (Any Florida College or University student seeking to study in a law-related field or an unconventional student returning to college for any field of study)

Describe yourself:

___ **Graduating high school senior entering undergraduate studies on or before the Fall 2025 semester**

Name of Florida College or University: _____

___ **Non-traditional student returning to undergraduate studies on or before the Fall 2025 semester**

Name of Florida College or University: _____

___ **Student entering Law School on or before Fall 2025 semester**

Name of Law School: _____

___ **Current Undergraduate Student** -Name of College or University: _____

___ **Current PHSC Student**

Planned Course of Study: *Check only one.*

- ___ Paralegal Studies ___ Criminal Justice ___ Law Enforcement ___ Law
- ___ Other (*please identify*) _____

Grade Point Average (GPA): *List current high school or college GPA, as applicable.*

Name of School, College or University _____ Current GPA _____

Non-family Academic or Character Reference Information:

Reference Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____