



Ellis County (Kansas) Bar Association Rural Justice Scholarship 2026-2027

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 15, 2026

Scholarship Criteria – Submit following materials:

1. Completed Scholarship Application Form
2. Unofficial academic transcript – high school (high school graduates) or college (undergraduate)
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.

Submit materials to the Ellis County Bar Association at elliscountyksbar@gmail.com

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.
- Plans to be enrolled full-time at a 2- or 4-year college in Kansas for the 2026-2027 academic year.
- Plans 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

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

Academic Information

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.

Yes No

 If selected, I authorize the Ellis County Bar Association to publicize my selection for the scholarship, including information provided in my application materials.

Applicant Signature

Date

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

Date

Submit application materials to:

Ellis County Bar Association - elliscountyksbar@gmail.com