

SPOKANE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION INDIAN LAW SECTION 2026 BAR PREPARATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Spokane County Bar Association (SCBA) Indian Law Section (ILS) was established in 2008 to facilitate the exchange of ideas in the field of Indian law for practitioners in the Inland Northwest, and to further the development and improve the application of justice in this field of law. To that end, each year the SCBA ILS has organized and held an all-day Indian law conference in Spokane, Washington. The SCBA ILS uses proceeds from this conference to fund bar preparation scholarships for individuals who recently have or are planning to take a state bar exam in the near future, and who have demonstrated a commitment to furthering the goals of the SCBA ILS.

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on several criteria, including but not limited to demonstrated interest in and dedication to goals consistent with those of the SCBA ILS noted above; commitment to working in Indian law in the Northwestern United States; financial need; academic achievement; extracurricular and community activities; life experiences; and Native American, Native Alaskan, Native Hawaiian, or Canadian First Nation citizenship or heritage.

The application consists of a completed application form, resume, letter of recommendation, proof of registration for a state bar exam or a bar review course, and a brief essay.

The value and number of scholarships will be determined by the SCBA ILS and may vary in amount.

Applications are due by January 31, 2026. Applicants will receive notice of the scholarship award by spring 2026 ideally prior to the ILS Indian law conference, which is set for March 6, 2026.

Please send complete applications to Mark Wardrop via email to mwardrop@spokanebar.org.

**SPOKANE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION INDIAN LAW SECTION
2026 BAR PREPARATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone No.: _____

Law School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Are you a law clerk under Washington Supreme Court Admission & Practice Rule 6? ☐ Yes ☐ No

When will you take the bar exam? ☐ Feb. 2026 ☐ July 2026

In what state(s) are you taking the bar exam? _____

Are you currently enrolled in have you recently taken a bar preparation course? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, are you planning to enroll in a bar preparation course? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you have taken or will take a bar preparation course, what course and when? _____

_____ Cost of bar preparation course: \$ _____

Did you receive a scholarship, grant, or tuition reduction to help pay for this bar preparation course?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, indicate the source and amount of scholarship, grant, or tuition reduction:

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

Have you previously taken a bar exam? ☐ Yes ☐ No. If yes, did you pass the bar exam? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please state if you are a citizen of a federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band, or pueblo, or a member or descendent of any of the following groups: Native American, Native Alaskan, Native Hawaiian, or Canadian First Nation? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, please also identify the relevant group:

Please attach to this application form the following: (1) a resume; (2) a letter of recommendation; (3) proof of registration for a state bar exam or a bar review course; and (4) an essay, not to exceed three double-spaced pages with one-inch margins and twelve-point Times New Roman font, stating why you should be considered for this scholarship. The essay should describe any efforts that you have made in furthering goals similar to those of the SCBA ILS during your legal education, as well any relevant personal or professional achievements or experiences. The essay also should describe your post-bar exam employment plans and how those will relate or contribute to the field of Indian law.

The applicant hereby affirms that the contents of this application are complete, accurate, and true.

Signature: _____ Date: _____