

ACBA BENCH-BAR CONFERENCE



John P. Gismondi ACBA Bench-Bar Conference Scholarship Application



Purpose

Through the generosity of John P. Gismondi and The Gismondi Foundation, the Allegheny County Bar Foundation is pleased to offer up to 10 annual scholarships for ACBA young lawyers (10 years or less of experience) with financial need to attend the annual Bench-Bar Conference at no cost.

Each scholarship will cover the full cost of:

- Conference registration
- Room and board for the duration of the Conference.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be an active member of the ACBA in good standing
- Have been in practice for ten (10) years or less as of the application deadline
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate an interest in participating in the Bench-Bar Conference
- Not have previously received a Bench-Bar Conference scholarship (preference will be given to first-time attendees)

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit the following:

1. **Completed Application Form (see below)**
2. **Personal Statement (no more than 500 words) addressing:**
 - Financial need
 - Why you wish to attend the Bench-Bar Conference
 - How experience will enhance your professional development
3. **Current Resume or CV**

Selection Criteria

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on:

- Financial need
- Demonstrated commitment to professional growth and bar association involvement
- Preference for first-time Bench-Bar attendees.

Application Deadline

All applications must be received by February 27, 2026. Recipients will be notified by March 15, 2026

Application Form

Name: _____

Firm/Organization: _____

Year Admitted to Practice: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

☐ I am a first-time Bench-Bar Conference attendee.

☐ I certify that I have been in practice for 10 years or less.

Please list the ACBA Committees, sections, or divisions you actively participate in:

Submission Instructions:

Please attach your Personal Statement.

Please attach current resume or CV.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contact Lorrie Albert, Esq. - lalbert@acba.org or 412-402-6640 for more information.