



THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA  
Columbus School of Law

**CUA FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS**

**AN OVERVIEW**

CUA provides scholarships and grants in two categories:

- (1) Scholarships to incoming students based on LSAT scores and GPA's
- (2) Scholarships to continuing students based on class rankings

Students can only receive university scholarships or grants in one of the above categories.

**AWARDING DETAILS**

◆ **Incoming Students:** The admissions committee offers scholarships to new students based on LSAT scores and undergraduate or graduate school GPA's and other information contained in an applicant's admissions file. These scholarships are at various levels, typically ranging from \$2,500 to approximately \$20,000 depending on the strength of the applicant's score.

These scholarship awards are reported to the student with an accompanying letter stating the criteria for renewing the scholarship for subsequent years – typically finishing in the top 25% of the class.

◆ **Continuing Students:** After the first year, students receive Law School Merit Awards based on class rankings. Ranks are determined in June and are based on the student's cumulative grade point average. For students who did not receive a scholarship the first year, the second year scholarship is determined by class rank according to the grid\* shown below.

	Day Division	Evening Division
Top 5%	\$15,000	\$12,000
Top 6% - 10%	\$12,000	\$10,000
Top 11% - 15%	\$10,000	\$8,500
Top 16% - 25%	\$8,500	\$7,000

\* **Important Note – the following awards were given for the 2007-2008 academic year.**  
Awards for subsequent years are subject to available funding.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Students who receive a scholarship for the first year, will be offered a scholarship for their second year according to their respective rank as noted above, or the amount received for the first year, whichever is greater, provided the renewal criteria is met.

Students awarded a scholarship in year one, who fail to meet awarding criteria for year two, may receive the original scholarship in year three (and four for evening students) if the original requirements are met.

Students who change programs from Day to Evening and vice-versa will receive the scholarship award applicable to a comparable GPA for the program into which they have transferred.

Students who have been awarded a scholarship and take a leave of absence for the second semester will receive a scholarship upon return to CUA in an amount representing the un-awarded portion of the scholarship for the first semester after returning. All subsequent awards will be made as if the student had remained enrolled without leave and based on the GPS/ranking with the appropriate class as assigned by the Registrar.

Transfer students are not ranked and are not eligible for scholarships.

CUA funded scholarship are not available to students during semesters when the student is "visiting away."

## **FUNDING SOURCES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

The following endowed scholarship funds provide resources for our merit-based scholarships and fellowships.

### **The Albert A. Carretta Scholarship**

This is a \$2,500 per year scholarship for a first-year evening-division student who demonstrates high academic achievement and financial need.

### **The Francis X. Gallagher Scholarship**

The scholarship acknowledges accomplishments of students who show the highest academic achievement after their first year of studies and demonstrate commitment to scholarship and public service.

### **The Elizabeth Guhring Scholarship**

The award is based on need and academic achievement and is awarded to a woman student entering her second year in the day division.

### **The Arthur John Keeffe Scholarship**

This scholarship is made to a second-year student based on an interest in law career related to financial service, academic performance and financial need.

### **The Martin Luther King Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to a first-year student with high academic achievement and financial need. It is intended to promote diversity in the law school and the profession.

### **The William Hobart Little and Wilma Kyle Cox Little Memorial Fund**

This award provides financial assistance to a worthy student to complete his or her legal education in the joint field of philosophy and law.

### **Thurgood Marshall Memorial Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship, established by the Black Law Students Association, is given to a day- or evening-division student entering the first year of law school who shows academic promise and potential for leadership in the law school, community and profession.

### **The Vernon X. Miller Scholarship**

Miller Scholars are chosen for their high academic achievements after their first or second years.

### **The Linda Harris Nelson Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund**

The fund promotes the education of deserving students at the law school. The recipient must demonstrate financial need and be a graduate of a local Catholic high school. The intent of the original donors was to select women for this award.

### **The Jody Freshman Nurik Memorial Scholarship**

The fund provides financial assistance for law students who demonstrate need and who have contributed to the law school. The intent of the original donors was to select women for this award.

### **The Ralph J. Rohner Scholarship**

Created by gifts from alumni and friends to recognize a former dean, this scholarship is administered as part of the school's general scholarship pool. It may be awarded as a single or multiple grants on the basis of merit or need.

### **The Miriam Theresa Rooney Scholarships**

These scholarships provide financial assistance for outstanding students at the Columbus School of Law. The Beta Gamma Chapter of Kappa Beta Pi Legal Association International added a generous gift to the endowment in 1992. The intent of the original donors was to select women for this award.

### **The Law School Memorial Scholarship**

In memory of William Callyhan Robinson (first law school dean) and the classes of '35, '36, and '67, this scholarship encompasses memorial gifts to the law school for students who exhibit financial need and high academic achievement.

**The Robert C. Graff and Helen D. Graff Memorial Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship is awarded to a student with high academic achievement and financial need. The scholarship is to help defray student expenses incurred in the study of law.

**The Leahy Scholarship Fund**

Established by Robert A. Warren, a graduate of The Catholic University of America School of Law, this renewable scholarship is awarded to a student who exhibits financial need. Preference will be given to Native American or other minority students whose home state is New Mexico. If no student is identified, consideration will be extended to a single parent in full-time study at CUA Law.

**The Irving R.M. Panzer and Sue Stokely Burnett Panzer Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Professor Irving R.M. Panzer, a law professor at The Catholic University of America School of Law for forty years beginning in 1957, established this scholarship to be awarded at the discretion of the Dean of the Law School.

**Silver Anniversary Grant for Excellence (SAGE)**

The 25th anniversary reunion classes fund the SAGE scholarship annually. The scholarship is awarded to a student demonstrating financial need. Additional criteria include academic, co-curricular and personal leadership to the law school, as well as potential moral leadership in the legal community.

**SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**

The following Scholarship Programs are managed by offices and departments other than the Financial Aid Office and may be funded only on an annual basis, sometimes from outside sources.

**The Arnold and Porter Scholarship**

This annual award of \$4,000 goes to a second-year minority student who achieves high academic standing and has a demonstrated financial need.

**Communications Law Scholarships**

One grant of \$6,000 or two grants of \$3,000 each are made to entering students who have been admitted to the Communications Law Institute.

**The Fanning Labor Law Scholarship**

The scholarship is limited to second-year day and third-year evening students who have demonstrated excellence in the study of labor law.

**The Eleanore Dulin and James Clanton Haynes Memorial Law and Public Policy Scholarship**

This annual award is made to an outstanding student in the Law and Public Policy Program as evidenced by performance in Law and Public Policy course work, service to the program, and distinctions in the field achieved during law school.

**Patton Boggs Public Policy Summer Fellowship**

In honor of founding partner James R. Patton, Jr., Patton Boggs, LLP established the Patton Boggs Foundation to annually grant a Public Policy Fellowship to an exceptional CUA law student. A \$5,000 fellowship is available to a student spending their summer working on public policy matters for a non-profit institution or a government agency. Deadline date is usually early to mid April. For more information please contact Hilary A. Bednarz, Pro Bono Coordinator, in Room 163.

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## **CUA SUMMER STIPENDS**

### **SFIL Stipend (including the Weissman Memorial Scholarship)**

This scholarship fund was set up to encourage students to pursue legal careers serving the public. Summer stipends are offered for off-campus government employment, employment in Public Interest Law positions, or with non-profit organizations. Deadline date is usually early to mid April. For more information please review the application available in the financial aid office.

### **Charles and Louise O'Brien Fellowship**

The Fellowship was established by the Reverend Raymond C. O'Brien, a professor at the law school, in honor of his grandparents. Students completing the first or the second year of law school are eligible to apply for summer grants in conjunction with their work at a pro bono assignment during the summer. The Fellows are chosen from essays submitted by eligible students describing their summer placement in the context of the interaction between their religious perspective and their legal careers. At present, each student chosen has received a grant of \$6,000. Deadline date is usually early to mid April. For more information please review the application available in the financial aid office.