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14 students awarded Bar Association scholarships

In the 1980s, the Alaska Bar Association offered a scholarship program for Alaskans who were first- and second-year law students and intended to return to Alaska after law school graduation. Alaska has no law schools, so the cost of a legal education for Alaskans is even more expensive than for students in the Lower 48 because of travel, housing and out-of-state tuition costs. Law students today face a much larger financial burden than most seasoned practitioners did when they were in law school 30 years ago. Unfortunately, the Bar's scholarship program was discontinued long ago. In 2018, however, the Board of Governors voted to implement a new scholarship program.

The scholarship program works as follows: The Bar Association created a special fund managed by the Alaska Bar Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations to the fund are therefore tax-deductible. Interested first- and second-year law students are required to submit an application and a one-page essay about why they want to come back to Alaska and practice law here. The Bar's Scholarship Committee may request proof of residency and law school enrollment to verify applicant eligibility requirements.

The Scholarship Committee met April 10 to review applications and announce the scholarship recipients. The Bar received a total of \$9,800 in generous donations. All funds received were applied to this year's scholarship program. After reviewing all applicants' ties to Alaska, their intent to return to Alaska, and their reason for applying for the scholarship, the Scholarship Committee decided to award \$700 scholarships to the following 14 individuals:

\$700 Scholarship awarded to:

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- Megan Holland
- Gloria Jacobsen
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The bar would like to thank all of the 2022 scholarship donors:

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 - Melanie Osborne
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 - Trina Sears
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 - Denise Wike

The Bar is now accepting donations for the next round of scholarships. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated. This is a great opportunity to help struggling Alaska law students make the most of their legal education. These students will return to Alaska to become our next generation of lawyers and judges.

Please send your tax-deductible check, payable to the Alaska Bar Scholarship Fund, to the Bar office, or log on to the Bar's website at www.alaskabar.org and pay online. Please contact Bar staff if you have any question. Thank you for your consideration and support.



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