

**DUPAGE ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS (DAWL)  
JUDGE HELEN C. KINNEY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

All first, second, and third-year women law students with a DuPage County connection and enrolled in an accredited law school in Illinois are eligible for the Judge Helen C. Kinney Scholarship. The DAWL Board anticipates awarding scholarships to one or more recipients each year. If submitting your application via U.S. mail to our P.O. Box, your application must be postmarked no later than **April 15, 2026**. If you are submitting via email to [dawlawyers@gmail.com](mailto:dawlawyers@gmail.com), your application must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. CST on **April 15, 2026**. Scholarships will be awarded during our Annual Installation of Officers and Directors on **May 14, 2026**. Scholarship recipients are required to attend the reception.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer & Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Law School:** \_\_\_\_\_

| Name | Year Started | Expected Graduation |
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**Cumulative GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rank:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduate School:** \_\_\_\_\_

(if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Degree & Year Earned

**Undergraduate School:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Degree & Year Earned

**Connection to DuPage County:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Connection to DAWL** (not required to receive scholarship): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Detail your financial need for the scholarship:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Activities, Honors, Community Service (undergraduate through present):** Please list any publications, academic awards, honors, scholarships, extracurricular activities, community service/ volunteer work, clubs, organizations, etc., including your involvement with respect to women's issues or in women's advocacy organizations. You may also attach a resume.

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**Essay:** Persuasive writing is a key legal skill. Please submit an essay (not to exceed two pages, double spaced) in which you persuade the Board that your life experience, academic achievements, community service, or future ambitions make you an outstanding candidate for a Judge Helen C. Kinney Scholarship. You may include a discussion of what you consider an important issue impacting women today in law and/or society, and what you hope to contribute towards resolving that issue or otherwise improving the status of women. This essay is a vital piece used by the Board when reviewing scholarship applicants. Form, spelling, and grammar are all important.

**Transcript:** Please submit a copy of your law school transcript (including the most recent completed semester).

**Interviews:** The Committee may request interviews of scholarship candidates. Please ensure that the contact information you submit is accurate.

**Certification:** I hereby certify that I wish to receive the Judge Helen C. Kinney Scholarship, that I will use the scholarship for my law school expenses, that I have read the entirety of this application to verify my eligibility and ensure that all requested information has been provided, and that the information contained in this application is true and correct.

**Signature of Applicant:**

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Submit via U.S. Mail (must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2026)**

DuPage Association of Women Lawyers  
Judge Helen C. Kinney Scholarship  
P.O. Box 338  
Wheaton, Illinois 60187

**Submit via email (must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. CST on April 15, 2026)**

dawlawyers@gmail.com

Applications must be submitted in accordance with the above deadlines to be eligible for consideration. Candidates will be reviewed and voted upon by the Board Members of the DuPage Association of Women Lawyers. Final scholarship recipients will be notified and must attend the DAWL Installation of Officers and Directors on May 29, 2025.