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The Orange County Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) Announces The **FALL 2026 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR SECOND AND THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENTS**

To Be Awarded By
Orange County Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 6th, 2026

The Orange County Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (OC ABOTA) is providing grant monies to law students who are residents of Orange County or have proof of enrollment in an Orange County Law School. Law students meeting the requirements listed below may submit applications until October 6th, 2026 to be considered for the Fall 2026 Awards. The recipient will receive \$5,000 to second and third law school students.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- The applicant must be in the second or third year of law school, must be a resident of Orange County, CA, or proof of enrollment in an Orange County Law School, must have demonstrated legal aptitude and must be in good standing at a school of law that is accredited by the State Bar of California.
- The applicant must have a grade point average of at least 3.0 for the past academic year and submit a copy of their transcript for their second year.
- The applicant will prepare and submit an essay

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- which must include the following:
 - (a) The reasons why the applicant believes that she or she should receive the OC ABOTA scholarship.
 - (b) A discussion on one of the following topics:
The importance of the Jury Trial in our justice system or the importance of civility in the legal profession.
- The applicant shall submit his or her curriculum vitae.
- The applicant must submit proof of Orange County residency (including but not limited to a California driver's license, lease agreement and/or utility bill) or have proof of enrollment in an Orange County Law School.
- The applicant will participate in an interview with members of the OC ABOTA Board. The interview may take place in person or electronically based on an assessment of then existing circumstances.

The required transcript, essay and curriculum vitae must be sent by email to Kimberly A. Valentine, Esq. (kvalentine@valentinelawgroup.com) by October 6th, 2026.

Selection of the Award Recipients will be made on or about January 2027.

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
APPLICATION FORM**

Name of Applicant: _____

Current Residence: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Cell Number: _____

Name of Law School Applicant Attends: _____

Law School grade point average: _____

Law School class standing: _____

What extra-curricular activities have you participated in during law school?

What is your employment history currently and during law school?

What academic honors, if any, have you received during law school?

What are your career plans after graduation?
