



NORTH CAROLINA
BAR FOUNDATION

NCBF Endowment Application | 2020

Thank you for your interest in applying for an Endowment Grant through the North Carolina Bar Foundation. The deadline for this cycle's grant applications is February 1, 2020. You may save and return to the grant application any time prior to the application deadline in order to edit, complete, and submit your application.

Submitting an application requires access to the NCBF online grant portal which can be found by going to www.ncbarfoundation.org/endowment/grant-application. Returning applicants can sign in using their email and password. New applicants must create an account by clicking "sign up" just below the login. After completing your "profile" click +Get Started to access the grant application.

The funding cycle for this application is for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Applicants should apply for grant funding needed for use within this grant term. Any grant funds that are awarded and not used within the grant term may revert back to the NC Bar Foundation Endowment.

Throughout the past 32 years, The NCBF Endowment value has grown to over \$12 Million. Distribution from the Endowment is 3.75% annually, which provides the basis for grants from both restricted and unrestricted endowment funds. Restricted funds can only be used for specific, donor-defined purposes, while unrestricted funds are granted with this application through a competitive process. The average grant awarded with unrestricted funds in 2019-20 was \$4,828.

What Types of Projects or Programs does the NCBF Endowment Support?

Direct Legal Services

- The NCBF Endowment provides support for the provision of direct legal services by legal services attorneys to indigent communities in an effort to ensure access to justice

for everyone, regardless of their ability to pay.

Volunteer Attorney Pro Bono Programs

- The NCBF Endowment provides support for pro bono programs and activities that engage volunteer attorneys to provide free legal assistance to persons of limited means, in order to increase access to justice and demonstrate the value of our profession to society.

Public/Community Service

- The NCBF Endowment provides support for community service projects that create opportunities for lawyers, paralegals, law students and other members of the profession to strengthen and improve communities throughout the state, in measurable ways.

Civics/Justice Education

- The NCBF Endowment provides support for civic education programs that place an emphasis on the law, the justice system, and the legal profession in order to educate the public and to build confidence in the rule of law and our justice system.

Professionalism for Attorneys

- The NCBF Endowment provides support for programs and activities that promote attorney competence or professionalism in order to cultivate a culture of service, invest in training of lawyer leaders, and use innovative approaches to bring North Carolina lawyers together to work alongside one another for the common good.

What Information is Required as Part of an Endowment Grant Application?

1. Project Name
2. Name of Organization or NCBA Section/Division/Committee
3. Grant Amount Requested
4. Name of Person Completing Grant Application
5. Title/Role of Person Completing Grant Application
6. Telephone Number
7. Email Address
8. Mailing Address
9. Name of Person Responsible for Grant Management (if different from person completing the grant application)
10. Email Address
11. Organization's Federal ID Number (if applicable)
12. Organization's or NCBA Section/Division/Committee's Primary Purpose
13. Organization's Mission/Vision Statement (if applicable)
14. Please check all that apply:
 - a. This program is run by or for volunteer lawyers
 - b. The applicant maintains a seat on its Board for a lawyer

15. Describe the program or project for which the Applicant is seeking grant funding, including the need that the project seeks to address and the way(s) that the project proposes to meet that need.
16. Identify the program or project's expected outcomes or accomplishments and describe how the program or project's success will be measured or determined. Note: if a grant is awarded, the Applicant will be required to report on progress towards these goals at the mid-year point of the grant term.
17. Describe the Applicant's experience or history with carrying out programs or projects like the one proposed as part of this grant application, including the Applicant's history of success at meeting defined program goals.
18. Describe any alternate sources of funding available to (or willing to be sought by) the Applicant in order to further the success of the grant-proposed program or project (for example, supplemental or matching grant funding, sponsorship, on-going fundraising efforts or programs, etc.).
19. Describe the Applicant's organizational structure and the person(s) who will be responsible for implementing the grant-proposed program or project (i.e. staff- or volunteer-led, Board or committee-directed, etc.).
20. How does this program engage lawyers, either/both as staff or as volunteers?
21. Describe how the Applicant's program or project advances the mission, vision and values of the NC Bar Foundation by:
 - Providing support to underserved individuals or communities, or less well-resourced geographic areas of North Carolina.
 - Supporting the provision of direct legal services by legal services attorneys to indigent communities;
 - Supporting pro bono programs and activities that engage volunteer attorneys to provide free legal assistance to persons of limited means;
 - supporting community service projects that create opportunities for lawyers, paralegals, law students and other members of the profession to strengthen and improve communities throughout the state;
 - supporting civic education programs that place an emphasis on the law, the justice system, and the legal profession in order to educate the public and to build confidence in the rule of law and our justice system; and/or
 - Supporting programs and activities that promote attorney professionalism in order to cultivate a culture of service, invest in training of lawyer leaders, and use innovative approaches to bring North Carolina lawyers together to work alongside one another for the common good.
22. Describe how your organization's Board selection process encourages diversity (broadly defined).
23. Upload a line-Item Budget for the grant-proposed program or project that includes the entirety of the program or project's costs (direct and indirect) and alternative or supplemental sources of funding in support of the grant-proposed program or project.:

- a. Upload Board of Directors List, including names and position on the Board (i.e. President, Treasurer, etc.). Indicate with * if a Board Member is an attorney.
- 24. (optional) Upload Organization/Project Brochure
- 25. (optional) Upload Project Specific Photos
- 26. (optional) Upload Organization/Project Video(s)
- 27. (optional) Additional Organization/Project Upload

As a reminder, applications for the 2020 NCBF Endowment grant cycle should be submitted via the online grant portal at www.ncbarfoundation.org/endowment/grant-application. The submission deadline is February 1, 2020. All organizations awarded funding from the NCBF Endowment will be expected to submit status reports twice annually, as well as participate in a site visit with NCBF Endowment Committee members upon request.