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The Orange County Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) Announces The FALL 2025 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENTS

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 12, 2025

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. Law students meeting the requirements listed below may submit applications until December 12, 2025 to be considered for the Fall 2025 Awards. The first-place recipient will receive \$5,000. The second-place recipient will receive \$2,500. The third-place recipient will receive \$1,000.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- The applicant must be in the third year of law school, must be a resident of Orange County, CA, or go to school in Orange County, CA. The applicant 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.

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- The applicant will prepare and submit an essay which must include the following:
 - (a) The reasons why the applicant believes that he 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)
- 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 the existing circumstances.

The required transcript, essay and curriculum vitae must be sent by email to Kimberly A. Valentine, Esq. (kvalentine@valentinelawgroup.com) by December 12, 2025.

The first prize winner will be awarded the Scholarship at the OC ABOTA Installation Dinner on January 31, 2026.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Valentine-Gibson
Membership Chair
American Board of Trial Advocates – Orange County Chapter



**AMERICAN BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCATES ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER FALL 2025
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?
