



Access to Justice Trial Academy Scholarship Guidelines

INTRODUCTION

The Foundation of the IADC is dedicated to supporting the rule of law and access to justice around the world. Part of that effort is ensuring lawyers are well trained on how to represent their clients in the courtroom.

SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship includes the registration fee (\$4,750) and a travel stipend (\$1,200). The scholarship recipient is responsible for any travel and incidental costs above the stipend.

CANDIDATES

The scholarship will be awarded to a worthy candidate who has shown a dedication to the rule of law and fulfills at least one of the following criteria:

- Works for a small law firm (30 lawyers or fewer)
- Is a solo practitioner
- Is a person of color
- Is a member of an underrepresented group
- Is employed by a non-profit corporation, non-profit organization, or a public sector entity

METHOD OF SELECTION

Applications are reviewed by a committee and the selected applicant is notified by early May each year.



2026 Access to Justice Scholarship

2026 IADC Trial Academy, August 1-7, 2026
Joseph F. Rice School of Law, University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina

I. Personal Information

Full Name _____
Title _____
Employer's Name _____
Street Address/PO Box _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

II. Criteria

- A. Please note what criteria you fulfill to be eligible for the scholarship. (Small law firm (30 lawyers or fewer); solo practitioner; employed by a non-profit corporation, non-profit organization, or a public sector entity; person of color; and/or member of an underrepresented group)
- B. Please briefly describe your actual trial experience (indicate number of trials, nature of the litigation, nature of role on trial team, etc.)
- C. Please list any professional, civic, or volunteer activities that may demonstrate a commitment to the legal profession and/or bar.
- D. Please describe any additional factors that you believe support your scholarship application.
- E. Please attach a current copy of your resume.
- F. Please submit two letters of recommendation from attorneys who have supervised your work. The letters should explain the nature of your work for them, work habits, and results.

I certify that the information given herein is true and correct and may be used by the Trial Academy Scholarship Committee.

Applicant's signature

Date

Submit completed applications and attachments to the contact information below ***no later than April 6, 2026. A winner will be announced by May 1, 2026.*** The scholarship includes the registration fee (\$4,750) and a \$1,200 stipend for housing and travel. Send application to:

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