

**Young Lawyers Section of the Alabama State Bar
Special Grants Program**

Guidelines for Evaluating Applicants

1. Applicants must be non-profit entities with tax exempt status.
2. Requests should be for a specific law related project or organization that provides low cost/no cost legal services within the State of Alabama.
3. The stability of the applicant should be established through the following:
 - a. credibility of the organization in the community; and
 - b. potential impact on the community of the proposed law related project or low cost/no cost legal services.
4. The following organizations will be preferred in receiving a Special Grant:
 - a. organizations with an immediate need for a specific law related project or that provide low cost/no cost legal services; and
 - b. organizations where Special Grants Program funding will make a significant impact.
5. Requests for the following will not be considered:
 - a. organizations, projects or programs which promote specific religious and/or political activities;
 - b. travel expenses;
 - c. capital campaigns;
 - d. salaries;
 - e. insurance;
 - f. fundraising; and
 - g. tuitions and scholarships.

Application Requirements

1. Applicants must submit the following information for review:
 - a. Young Lawyers Section of the State of Alabama Special Grants Application Form;
 - b. a current budget;
 - c. proof of non-profit status;
 - d. sources of funding; and
 - e. budget for expenditure of requested funds.
2. Applicants who receive funding must comply with the following conditions:
 - a. applicant must submit a status report to the Young Lawyers Section of the Alabama State Bar within ninety (90) days of the date the grant is awarded;
 - b. funds must be used within ninety (90) days of the date the grant is awarded, unless otherwise agreed to by the Young Lawyers Section of the Alabama State Bar;
 - c. funds must be spent as presented in the Special Grants Application Form; and
 - d. recognition of the Young Lawyers Section of the Alabama State Bar as a source of funding in any public relations regarding the law related project is appreciated.
3. Applications will be accepted until September 1 of the current year. Special Grants funding will be awarded by November 1 of the current year.