
KASB/NSBA Patricia E. Baker Scholarship
Administered by the NSBA Council of School Attorneys
2017-2018 Scholarship Year
Application deadline: October 4, 2017

About Pat Baker:

Patricia E. Baker (1947-2009) served as staff attorney, senior legal counsel and associate executive director/general counsel of the Kansas Association of School Boards for 30 years. She was a champion for public education and a driving force behind the development of the NSBA Council of School Attorneys where she served on the board for 11 years and as chair in 1989-90. She received her J.D. with Dean's Honors from Washburn University School of Law and served as an adjunct professor of law at Washburn for more than 15 years. Pat's passion for education law, dedication to the education of others in the profession, and advocacy for public schools and the children they serve will be long remembered.

Purpose of the Scholarship:

To honor Pat's legacy and her contributions to the field of education law, the KASB asked the NSBA Council of School Attorneys (COSA) to partner with them to administer an annual scholarship in Pat's name. The scholarship will allow a member of COSA (who could not normally attend due to financial hardship) to attend the annual School Law Seminar. The scholarship fund was started with a generous endowment from KASB, the Baker family and COSA members.

The scholarship winner will be known as the "Baker Fellow" in the year that he or she receives the award and will receive a complimentary registration and travel assistance to attend the School Law Seminar held in conjunction with NSBA's Annual Conference and Exposition. Travel assistance may include: airfare, 2 nights' hotel, and reimbursement of actual and reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred in compliance with NSBA's travel reimbursement policy. Scholarship recipients must make their travel arrangements through NSBA.

Eligibility and Award Criteria:

Eligible individuals

- Must be an attorney representing public school districts and a member in good standing with their state attorneys' council and COSA
- Must submit a complete application for the scholarship to COSA by the appropriate deadline
- Must demonstrate a passion for school law and the development of the profession
- Must demonstrate a commitment to "excellence and equity" for public school children and be an advocate for public education
- Must demonstrate professional leadership

Application Process and Deadline:

- Applicants for the scholarship must complete the COSA scholarship application and send it, along with a current CV to Sonja Trainor, COSA Director at strainor@nsba.org, or by fax at 703-683-7590, or by regular mail at KASB/NSBA Patricia E. Baker Scholarship c/o NSBA Council of School Attorneys, 1680 Duke Street, 2nd Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314. Applications for the 2017-2018 scholarship are accepted between June and August 2017 and must be postmarked or received by September 4, 2017.
- A committee, appointed by the COSA chair, will review applications and COSA staff will notify the scholarship recipient by **October 4, 2017**.
- The scholarship recipient must make their travel arrangements through NSBA.

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**KASB/NSBA 2017-2018 Patricia E. Baker Scholarship
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Scholarship Application Form:**

Name of Applicant: _____

Title: _____

Law Firm/Organization _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____ Website _____

[] I am an attorney member in good standing with my state school boards association attorneys' council (if applicable) and the NSBA Council of School Attorneys.

Date _____ Signature _____

This is a narrative application ~ Please attach your most recent resume or CV and respond to the following questions in no more than 4 double spaced typewritten pages.

1. Describe your school law practice and why you chose to become a school law practitioner.
2. How have you demonstrated professional leadership and assisted others in becoming school law professionals at the state or national level?
3. How have you demonstrated a commitment to "excellence and equity" for public school children and been an advocate for public education?
4. Why should you be awarded the Baker scholarship?
5. Briefly describe how you will use this educational opportunity to assist others in the profession.

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Scholarship winners will be notified by October 4, 2017.