

What do the scholarships cover?

The fund will provide tuition assistance on a sliding scale basis depending on the applicant's income with part-time employees receiving a pro rata share of the percentage.

Income guidelines:

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| \$35,000 and below | Scholarship paid at 100% |
| \$35,000 to \$45,000 | Scholarship paid at 75% |
| \$45,001 to \$60,000 | Scholarship paid at 50% |
| More than \$60,000 | Scholarship paid at 25% |

A limited number of scholarships are available each year based on the rolling average of the fund balance. CLE scholarships will not exceed 14 credit hours in any MCLE compliance period. **Scholarships are not granted for online programming, but may only be used for live or satellite broadcasts of a live program.** Once approved for a CLE program scholarship, the recipient is required to attend the CLE program specified on your application unless the program has been cancelled.

If you are unable to attend that CLE program, you may provide explanation as to why the course was not completed. The Scholarship Committee may grant a 12 month extension for use of the scholarship. If after the extension the funds are not used as entrusted, funds will be returned to the Fund for later use. In the event of a CLE cancellation, you will be invited to submit a new application for a different program.

Expenses related to SC Bar CLE-sponsored social events, travel to and from the meeting, hotel stay and meals are the responsibility of the scholarship recipient. For meetings that receive a larger number than average of scholarship applicants, only a certain number of scholarships may be awarded.

Who is eligible for a scholarship?

Any member of the South Carolina Bar, in good standing, is eligible for a scholarship, provided he or she can show sufficient financial need that prevents the attorney from affording a specific course. Applicants should note that the scholarship committee will give preference to attorneys who practice with a Bar Foundation grantee, past or present. **Individuals who have already registered for a CLE course are not eligible for a scholarship.**

Cole Scholarships are valid for SC Bar CLE programs only, unless otherwise specified.