

**THE JOHN H. MCKAIG, II**  
**CHILDREN'S LAW SECTION ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

**Purpose:**

The State Bar of Michigan Children's Law Section (the "CLS") has established the "Jack H. McKaig, II" Endowed Scholarship Fund (the "Scholarship Fund") to provide scholarships for Michigan law school students demonstrating an interest in practicing in the areas of child protective proceedings and/or juvenile justice (collectively, "child welfare law"). The Scholarship Fund will be administered by the CLS Council which selects scholarship recipients in accordance with this Policy. The Scholarship Fund has been named in honor and remembrance of John (Jack) H. McKaig, II, a long-standing, instrumental member of the CLS who practiced child welfare law for many years with a level of integrity, compassion, enthusiasm, and commitment that left a lasting impression on those who knew and practiced with him. The amount of the Jack H. McKaig II Scholarship for 2025 is \$4,000.

**Policy:**

A. *Eligibility.* Eligibility for the Scholarship Fund is open to law school students who meet each of the following criteria:

1. Is a 2L or 3L student enrolled in good standing any Michigan accredited law school;
2. Has a cumulative law school grade point average of at least 2.8; and
3. Demonstrates an interest in Child Welfare Law.

B. *Application.* On or before July 31, 2025, applicants for the Scholarship Fund must submit an application, in the form provided and an essay (limited to three or less pages) to the CLS Council, care of Joshua Pease at [jpease@SADO.org](mailto:jpease@SADO.org). The essay shall detail how the applicant meets each of the criteria listed above and an explanation of why the applicant should be selected to receive the scholarship. Applications and essays submitted after the deadline will not be given consideration.

C. *Council Review.* The CLS Council, in its sole discretion, shall review each submitted essay and award the Scholarship Fund if there is an applicant who meets all criteria. In making its decision, the CLS Council shall place emphasis on how a successful applicant satisfied criteria #3 listed above. The CLS Council will have discretion to distribute the Scholarship Fund to one or more than one eligible student, or to no student if none meet eligibility criteria in the Council's sole discretion. All decisions of the CLS Council with respect to any such award are final, non-appealable, and solely in the Council's discretion.

D. *Notification and Scholarship Use.* Scholarship recipients will be notified by the CLS Council in writing by or before, September 1, 2025. The Scholarship Fund will be awarded in a single installment to the recipient(s). Scholarship awards may be used to pay for the costs of law school tuition, fees, books and other expenses directly related to law school attendance.

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**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING AND SIGN:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Education**

Please list each undergraduate university attended, degree completed, and cumulative GPA.

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Undergraduate Awards/Organizations:

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Law School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Focus of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School Awards / Organizations:

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Are You a Member of The Childrens Law Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Other Information You Want Us to Know: \_\_\_\_\_

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How Did You Hear About Us: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACH THE FOLLOWING TO THIS APPLICATION:**

- 1. ESSAY:** Please submit an essay of no more than 3 pages, doubled spaced, using twelve-point font, addressing your demonstrated interest in child welfare law; this may include how you became interested in the study/ practice of child welfare law, career goals, etc. and plans to achieve them.
- 2. TRANSCRIPTS:** Please provide a copy of your official law school transcript
- 3. RESUME**

**SIGNATURE:**

In submitting this application, I certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of knowledge. I understand that falsification of information will result in termination of any scholarship granted and/or other applicable sanctions. If selected to receive a scholarship, I agree to the use of my name, likeness, and information contained in my application for promotional purposes for the Childrens Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan without further compensation or notification.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit your application and attachments electronically by July 31, 2025 to Joshua Pease at  
[jpease@SADO.org](mailto:jpease@SADO.org)

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