

Family Law Section Law Council of Australia

Pro Bono and Not for Profit Scholarship

Eligibility & Criteria

1. To be eligible for the Scholarship, a candidate:
 - Must be a lawyer holding a current Australian practising certificate (as at the date of their application); and
 - EITHER be employed by the Legal Commission of their State or Territory or a Community Legal Centre; OR be a private practitioner whose practice is at least 75% of work pursuant to a legal aid grant or is pro bono work.
2. All decisions concerning eligibility will be made by the Family Law Section Executive in its discretion.
3. The Scholarship recipient will be offered a prize package to the value of \$6,000 including:
 - a) Cash prize of \$1,500.
 - b) Full registration for the 20th National Family Law Conference to be held in Perth on 30 October 2024
 - c) One ticket to the Welcome Reception at the National Conference on 29 October 2024
 - d) One ticket to each Happy Hour at the National Conference
 - e) One ticket to the Gala Dinner at the National Conference
 - f) Up to \$1,500 for airfares and accommodation (to be booked through the Family Law Section.)
 - g) One FLS membership for 2 years.
 - h) 'Winner of the Family Law Section Pro Bono Scholarship 2024' branded stamp.
4. All submissions will also be considered for publication in *Australian Family Lawyer*.
5. The Family Law Section reserves the right not to Award the prize if, in the opinion of the judging panel and/ or the Family Law Section Executive, the entries are not of a satisfactory standard.
6. To apply for the Scholarship, eligible candidates must
 - a) Submit a previously unpublished article of approximately 1,500 words (including footnotes, appendices, and tables) on the following topic:

'How I would fix the Australian Family Law System if I was Attorney-General for a day'

Closing date
1 July 2024



- b) Complete the Family Law Section Pro Bono and Not for Profit Scholarship application form found on the Family Law Section website (unless otherwise discussed), and
 - c) Be prepared to attend the entire Conference.
7. Articles must be entirely the applicant's own work. AI-based technologies, including ChatGPT, are not permitted to be used to create any part of the article.
 8. References to articles/texts should be included in footnotes with full details. All footnotes, citations, and references should be correct. Please use 11-point font with sensible spacing, and please ensure there is no defamatory, political, or controversial commentary.
 9. Articles should be submitted in .doc or .docx format.
 10. The Scholarship will be judged by the Family Law Section Executive.
 11. It is a condition of the Family Law Section Pro Bono and Not for Profit Scholarship that the recipient will acknowledge the Scholarship in any future publication or presentation of the article.
 12. Applications and articles for the Scholarship must be received by 1 July 2024. It is expected that the Executive will make its decision by 1 August 2024.

For enquiries or application forms, please contact the Family Law Section at events@familylawsection.org.au or 02 6246 3761.