



KASB/NSBA Patricia E. Baker Scholarship

**Administered by the NSBA Council of School Attorneys
2011-2012 Scholarship Year
Application deadline: September 1, 2011**

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 or the School Law Practice 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 they receive the award and will receive a complimentary registration and travel assistance so that they can attend either the School Law Seminar held in conjunction with NSBA's Annual Conference and Exposition or the Council's fall School Law Practice Seminar. 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 winners must book travel directly with 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

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Application Process and Deadline:

- Applicants for the scholarship must complete the COSA scholarship application and send it, along with a current CV to: KASB/NSBA Patricia E. Baker Scholarship c/o NSBA Council of School Attorneys, 1680 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Applications for the 2011-2012 scholarship must be postmarked or received by **September 1, 2011**. Applications may also be sent by e-mail to Susan R. Butler, COSA Director at sbutler@nsba.org or by fax at 703-548-5613.
- A committee, appointed by the COSA chair, will review applications and COSA staff will notify the scholarship winner by **October 1, 2011**.
- Scholarship winners must make travel arrangements through NSBA.

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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 1, 2011 and will be provided a complimentary registration and travel assistance to attend either the 2011 School Law Practice Seminar to be held October 13-15, 2011 in New Orleans, Louisiana or the 2012 School Law Seminar to be held in April 19-21, 2012 in Boston, Massachusetts.