

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 2023 is \$3,000.

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 August 1, 2024, applicants for the Scholarship Fund must submit an application, in the form provided by the Council (available on the CLS website) and an essay (limited to three or less pages) to the CLS Council, care of the Chair of the Scholarship Committee: Deborah Paruch at paruchd@udmercy.edu. 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 shall be notified by the CLS Council in writing by or before, September 1, 2024. 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.