Wisconsin Law Foundation
2026 Belle Case La Follette Awards Announcement

Call for Applications

The Wisconsin Law Foundation is currently accepting applications for the 2026 Belle Case La Follette Awards. These awards will be given in 2026 to recognize three recent law school graduates, who are State Bar of Wisconsin members and are practicing in Wisconsin, and who represent under-served populations, such as people of modest means and those who live in rural areas. One award will be given to a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School. One award will be given to a graduate of Marquette University Law School. One award will be given to a graduate of a law school located outside Wisconsin who is practicing in Wisconsin.

In addition to being recognized for providing excellent representation to under-served persons, each awardee will receive a **$3,200** award to support his or her practice.** The awards have been made possible by generous contributions from the members of the Wisconsin Law Foundation. Awardees will also be invited to attend the 2026 Wisconsin Law Foundation Fellows Recognition Dinner being held in Milwaukee on Thursday, October 15, 2026.

For information on eligibility and the application process, please review the requirements for submission below.

Application deadline: Friday, August 21, 2026.

Submission Guidelines:

1. Include your Wisconsin Bar ID number, name, company/firm, full address, phone, and email that you want us to use to contact you.

***** Awardees shall be solely responsible for the payment of taxes applicable as a result of receiving the awards, such as federal, state, or local income taxes.***

2. Please submit the name of the law school from which you graduated.

3. Applicants must have been sworn in as Wisconsin lawyers between **January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2024**. Please give the date you were sworn in to practice law in Wisconsin.

4. Submit a letter (maximum length: two pages) that explains your work that specifically discusses the type(s) of under-served populations you are representing. This may be based upon such things as geography (a location that has few lawyers), persons served who normally are unable to obtain representation easily, or types of cases that are difficult for people to find lawyers to represent them.

5. One or two letters of support for your application that explain why the supporter believes you should receive the award (maximum length per letter is two pages). Support letters may be, but need not be, from other lawyers.

6. **Applications may be sent either by:**

Email: **WLF-Fellows@wisbar.org**
(must be received by August 21, 2026)

Or Mail: **Wisconsin Law Foundation**
Attn: Beth Drake
PO Box 7158
Madison, WI 53707-7158
(must be received by August 21, 2026)

Awards Criteria:

The selection committee will consider a number of factors, as described in the application and letters of support, including:

- How the attorney is representing an under-served population
- The attorney's professional achievements
- The attorney's professional reputation

If you have questions regarding the application procedure or the Belle Case La Follette Awards, please contact: Beth Drake, (608) 250-6171, WLF-Fellows@wisbar.org.