

# Bennett G. Hornstein Memorial Scholarship Application

The family of the late Bennett G. Hornstein established the Bennett G. Hornstein Endowment Fund in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation. The endowment funds an annual scholarship, awarded to an aspiring law student to carry on Hornstein's commitment to working for the poor and powerless and striving to make a difference in the Nebraska community.

Hornstein lost an eight-year battle with cancer in March 1986 at the young age of 46. During his life, he was an inspiration to his family, friends, and colleagues, demonstrating unwavering selflessness and commitment to helping those who needed it most. After receiving his law degree at the University of California at Berkeley, Hornstein decided to spend a significant portion of his life helping people who were hated, who were detested, and whom nobody else would help. He carried out that promise case by case in his over 20 years as an attorney, from Nebraska courtrooms all the way to the United States Supreme Court.

Nearing the twentieth anniversary of Hornstein's death, his family established the Bennett G. Hornstein Memorial Scholarship as part of their ongoing efforts to celebrate his life and legacy. Family members include his wife Nancy and three children, Jill Goldstein, Beth Hornstein and Joe Hornstein. Their mission is to educate and reward the next generation of attorneys who will forge a place in their respective legal communities.

**Candidates should display a high standard of academic achievement, an adventurous spirit, and a desire to take on an active role in service to the community. Applicants also must be attending law school at the University of Nebraska or Creighton University.**

Scholarships are awarded for the academic year beginning in the fall of the year in which the award is made. Applications for 2026-2027 are also available online at <http://www.jfofoundation.org/bghendowment> and must be submitted to the Bennett G. Hornstein Memorial Scholarship Committee, c/o the Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation, 333 S. 132<sup>nd</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68154 no later than **Wednesday, April 1, 2026**.

## Bennett G. Hornstein Memorial Scholarship Criteria and Instructions

The Bennett G. Hornstein Memorial Scholarship is awarded to one law school student attending either the University of Nebraska College of Law or Creighton University School of Law and may pay for tuition, fees and/or books. The scholarship for 2026-2027 is **\$5,000**.

**Applications for 2026-2027 must be received by the Bennett G. Hornstein Memorial Scholarship Committee, c/o Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation, 333 South 132<sup>nd</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68154 no later than Wednesday, April 1, 2026.**

Applications and letters of recommendation may be submitted by U.S. mail or courier service.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Candidates must be enrolled either at the University of Nebraska College of Law or at Creighton University School of Law.
- **Candidates must display an adventurous spirit and a desire to take an active role in service to the community.**
- Candidates must graduate college with, and maintain in law school, a GPA of least 2.5 or equivalent on a 4.0 scale.
- Candidates must be in good ethical standing during the academic year in which the Candidate's application is filed.

Please return all application materials detailed on application checklist to:

Bennett G. Hornstein Scholarship Committee  
c/o Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation  
333 S. 132<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Omaha, NE 68154  
(402) 334-6551

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Please provide answers to all questions on this application. All requested documents on the checklist must be identified with applicant's name and returned to the address listed below. All requested material must be received by Bennett G. Hornstein Scholarship Committee, c/o the Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation, 333 South 132<sup>nd</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68154 no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2026.

Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate School Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Awarded \_\_\_\_\_ Year Awarded \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Law School \_\_\_\_\_

Current Year of Attendance (i.e., 1L, 2L, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Undergraduate GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ LSAT Score \_\_\_\_\_

Area(s) of Legal Interest \_\_\_\_\_

Other scholarships or financial aid received \_\_\_\_\_

All of the information provided in my Bennett G. Hornstein Memorial Scholarship Application and provided in connection with my application for admission to, and continued enrollment in, law school is true, correct, and complete, and there are no material omissions from either application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Bennett G. Hornstein Memorial Scholarship Application Checklist

Please include all documents. Failure to provide any of the documents listed below may result in your disqualification.

### **Documents contained in this Application Packet – complete, sign and date:**

Application Form

### **Additional Documents:**

Candidate's name must appear in the upper right-hand corner of each page of every document submitted with your application, including letters of recommendation.

- ✓ Candidate's Resume – Include colleges attended, extracurricular activities and employment history, including all public service work, both paid and volunteer.
- ✓ Grade Point Average – Copies of your undergraduate transcripts and/or your most recent law school transcript with your GPA on a 4.0 scale or equivalent.
- ✓ Letters of Recommendation – Current letters of recommendation from a minimum of three sources supporting your record of academic achievement and/or your current and past experience in public/community service work.
- ✓ Certificate of Ethical Standing – Letter from your law school verifying your enrollment and your good ethical conduct during the academic year in which your application is filed.
- ✓ Personal Statement – One page statement, not to exceed 250 words, describing your plans for a legal career and commitment to public/community service.

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Questions should be directed to Diane Walker, Scholarship & Grants Manager of the Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation at [dwalker@jewishomaha.org](mailto:dwalker@jewishomaha.org) or (402) 334-6551.