

Student Bar Association Funding Fact Sheet

1. Maurer's Student Bar Association is entirely self-funded, and it is excited to again be offering limited amounts of funding to individual students and Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) for the purposes of facilitating programming and events open to all students and allowing individuals to attend academic conferences, seminars, lectures, and competitions.
2. This is the Student Bar Association's third year offering any type of funding to students and student organizations. All funding is discretionary, and the total amount of funding provided by the Student Bar Association in any given semester will vary. SBA cannot guarantee any funding to any student or RSO.
3. The funding application is currently undergoing revision. In the past, organizations could receive up to \$250 dollars per academic year and individuals could receive up to \$50 from the Student Bar Association. The maximum potential allotments may change, and the Student Bar Association often makes partial awards.
4. All organizations or individuals requesting funding must be officially recognized by the Office of Student Affairs and be in academic good standing with the law school.
5. Individual funding will be considered a portion of the representative RSO's yearly funding allotment if that RSO intends to send members to that event on its behalf.
6. In order to obtain funding, applicants must fill out the SBA funding application (to be released in September). While SBA will consider applications filled out after an event has occurred (providing that receipts are attached), SBA strongly urges applicants to complete the funding application at least two weeks prior to their event.
7. SBA reviews all submitted documentation, including an RSO's submitted budget for its event. SBA then compares the reimbursement request to the submitted budget for any variances, and determines a reimbursement amount. Reimbursement may be denied for untimely submissions, meal expenses that are deemed excessive, and nonreimbursable alcohol expenses.
8. RSOs must submit requests for grant/reimbursement, including all receipts or supporting detail, no later than one week after the conclusion of the event.
9. Applicants must pursue all other options for funding before applying for SBA funding. This includes approaching faculty advisors, asking student affairs, and consulting any other relevant person or office (e.g. OCPD).
10. All funding requests must be approved by a 2/3 vote of a quorum of the Student Bar Association. No funding requests will be voted upon until SBA has a full board. The earliest date on which SBA will meet as a full board will be September 15th.
11. Any misrepresentations on a funding application (including requesting individual funding in order to gain additional funds for a student organization that has already received its allotment) will be considered personal misconduct and may result in an inability of the RSO or student(s) involved to receive funding for the current academic year as well as the following academic year.