

CUMBERLAND BAR ASSOCIATION
A Tax-Exempt 501(c)(6) Organization
Grant Application Process

The Cumberland Bar Association ("CBA") was established in the 1860's to educate members in the ethics of the profession, to generally conduct the activities of a professional association and to hold funds for the support of the Cleaves Law Library. In 1997, the Law Library was established as a separate 501(c)(3) organization. Currently, the purposes of the CBA are as reflected in the Mission Statement and goals as adopted in October 1998.

As one mean of accomplishing these purposes, the CBA has decided to periodically make grants, in the discretion of the CBA, based on the other needs and purposes of the Association, to:

- organizations which are tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and not a "private foundation" under Section 509 of the Code, or a governmental entity;
- Individuals;
- other groups or organizations (by way of example through support of judicial or law student or legal public service activities)

CBA awards grants typically for special projects to be undertaken by qualifying organizations; it does not award grants for general operating expenses or for annual giving campaigns. Recipients and uses should be limited to Cumberland County.

Because of its historical relationship with Cleaves Law Library, the CBA will entertain annual requests from Cleaves for any purpose it requests consistent with CBA purposes.

CBA meets periodically to review applications for grants and to make awards. Applications may be submitted to the CBA at any time, please allow at least six weeks for review by the General Committee.

A completed application consists of: (1) a completed information form (this is an informal process, this form need not be used but the information requested should be provided as applicable); (2) a copy of the organization's most recent Section 501(c)(3) IRS ruling (if tax exempt); and (3) a list of the organization's officers and directors, if applicable. CBA may request additional information about the applicant or the project.

Applications will be judged on the merits and in comparison to other applications received by the CBA.

Letters and grant requests should be addressed to:

Cumberland Bar Association
Attn: Grant Application Committee
P.O. Box 434
Freeport, ME 04032