



BAR ASSOCIATION OF ERIE COUNTY

YOUNG LAWYERS COMMITTEE 2016-2017 DUES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

What Are the Qualifications & Application Procedures?

Any prospective or current member of the Bar Association of Erie County (BAEC) who has been practicing for between two and ten years (in state or out of state) may apply for dues assistance for his/her BAEC dues. By assessing their own financial circumstances, applicants determine for themselves whether they need assistance. Applicants whose dues are paid by their employer or another source are not eligible for this program.

The dues assistance application asks applicants to certify that payment of dues to the BAEC would pose a financial hardship for them. As part of the application, applicants should explain why they would like to be a member of the Bar Association of Erie County and/or the Young Lawyers Committee. **ALL APPLICATIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL** and names will be redacted during the decision-making process.

How Long Can I Receive Dues Assistance?

Dues payments are granted for a one-year period only. Each year, at the time of membership renewal, the member will receive an invoice at the full BAEC dues rate. Although we cannot guarantee this program will be available each year, if there is still a financial hardship that necessitates dues assistance, members need to re-apply through the same procedures.

Are there any other Requirements?

BAEC members given dues assistance will automatically become a member of the Young Lawyers Committee and be placed on the email distribution list. Dues assistance recipients are also required to take an active role in the Young Lawyers Committee activities. Accordingly, each member awarded dues assistance will be required to either: a) attend a minimum of three Young Lawyers' Committee meetings; or b) attend a minimum of one Young Lawyers Committee event (non-meeting). If the member awarded dues assistance fails to meet these requirements throughout the year, he/she may be billed for the full dues amount and may not be available for future awards.

Are Member Benefits Affected?

Payment of your dues through this program will not affect your membership benefits. You are entitled to the same full benefits as any other member.

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This application serves as a request for general dues assistance for the **Bar Association of Erie County**. This application is **CONFIDENTIAL**.

Full Name:

Last

First

M.I.

Address:

Street Address

Apt/Unit #

City

State

ZIP Code

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Year Admitted: _____

Attorney Registration
Number: _____

Briefly describe why you want to be a member of the Bar Association of Erie County:

I certify that my financial circumstances are such that I cannot afford the full cost of dues for this year, that my employer (if any) will not pay my BAEC dues, and that I agree to abide by the participation requirements if I am chosen for dues assistance.

Signature

Date

Return the application to:

**Bar Association of Erie County
Attn: Young Lawyers Committee
438 Main Street, Sixth Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202**

Applications are due June 1, 2016