

2023 Fast Facts

Founded in 1971 as the charitable arm of the Dallas Bar Association, the Dallas Bar Foundation's first project was to purchase and restore the headquarters for the Association and Foundation. Since then, the Foundation has provided a significant amount of financial support for law-related scholarships and education, charitable and legal aid for the poor, and grants to non-profit organizations.

As of July 2023, the Foundation achieved a number of noteworthy milestones:

- Exceeded **\$7 million** in total grants and scholarships awarded **since 1981**.
Included in that amount:
 - **\$2.85 million** awarded in Sarah T. Hughes Diversity Scholarships for law students
 - **\$677,000** awarded in William E. Collins Clerkships – for summer clerkships for minority law students
 - **\$489,000** awarded in grants to the DBA High School Mock Trial Program
- In April 2023, the Dallas Bar Foundation held its annual fundraiser, An Evening With Arthur C. Brooks, benefiting the Sarah T. Hughes Diversity Scholarships. It was another sold-out event this year, with many attendees saying Arthur Brooks was their favorite speaker since the event began in 2011.
- After 3 years away from the stage, Bar None XXXV returned to being a live performance. The Bar None Cast and Crew had a very successful show with 4 nights of performances which benefited the Sarah T. Hughes Diversity Scholarships. Net proceeds are expected to be \$100,000.
- The DBA Bankruptcy Section selected the first recipient of the Hon. Harlin “Cooter” Hale (Ret) Fellowship at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court – NDTX. The scholarship was established last year on the occasion of Judge Hale’s retirement. It honors his immense contributions to the Bankruptcy Bar and, particularly, to law students and young lawyers over the course of his career.
- The James A. Alexander Internship in Community Service was awarded for the first time this year. The six-week internship was with the non-profit organization – Advocates for Community Transformation.
- The Stephen H. Philbin, II Fellowship in First Amendment/Media Law, a six-week summer fellowship awarded since 2016, was with the First Amendment Clinic at SMU for the first time.

Today, the Foundation is proud to say that it has:

- 77 Hughes Scholarship recipients over 42 years including 3 Hughes Scholars selected this year
- 13 Clerkships/internships that can be awarded to law students each summer. Some of the placements are with: the U.S. District Court and the U.S Bankruptcy Court in the Northern District of Texas; the Supreme Court of Texas; Fifth District Court of Appeals; Dallas County District Attorney; Dallas County Public Defender’s Office.
- Awarded grants to numerous community organizations and DBA programs, such as:
 - Dallas CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)
 - Genesis Women’s Shelter Emergency Legal Assistance Fund
 - Advocates for Community Transformation (ACT)
 - DBA Entrepreneurs in Community Lawyering
 - Mosaic Family Services Legal Program
 - DBA Summer Law Intern Program (SLIP) for DISD high school students interested in law
- More than 1200 Fellows who have helped support the DBF with their contributions