



Student Opportunities

If you're a law student with an interest in agricultural law, the **American Agricultural Law Association (AALA)** has built pathways for you to learn, compete, publish, and connect with practitioners and other students shaping the profession.

Here's a look at everything available to you in one place—pick the options that fit your interests and we hope to see you at the [AALA Annual Educational Symposium](#).

1 The AALA Legal Issues Student Writing Competition

The AALA Legal Issues Student Writing Competition is your chance to dig into a topic that matters to you, contribute to scholarship in agricultural, food, and natural resource law, and put your work in front of a national audience.

- Open to students who are, at the time of submission, enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school, pursuing a J.D. degree, and at least 18 years old.
- The article must be unpublished.
- The top three winners receive a cash prize.
- The top winner will be published in the AALA Symposium Edition of the Drake Journal of Agricultural Law and receives covered registration for the AALA Annual Educational Symposium in Dallas, TX.
- Full rules and submission requirements are available at <https://www.aglaw-assn.org/awards/studentopportunities/>.

Submissions Open June 5, 2026 | Submission Deadline August 14, 2026 | Winners notified by September 25, 2026 | Winners recognized November 7, 2026 during the Symposium

2 Student Scholarship Award

This award recognizes any published student work, or work accepted for publication, that brings fresh ideas and rigorous thinking to agricultural, food, and natural resource law. Nominations are reviewed by AALA's Awards Committee, and the winner is celebrated at the Awards Luncheon during the AALA Annual Educational Symposium.

- Open to students who are or were enrolled part-time or full-time in an ABA-accredited law school or graduate program relating to agricultural law at the time the work was authored.
- Any student scholarly work — articles, papers, comments, and similar works — related to agricultural law that has been published or accepted for publication in the year prior to the nomination deadline is eligible for consideration.
- The winner will be announced and presented with a plaque at AALA Annual Educational Symposium, then featured in an AALA publication and press release.
- Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged.
- See more details and submit a nomination form at www.aglaw-assn.org/awards/.

Submissions Open July 31, 2026 | Submission Deadline September 11, 2026 | Winner announced and recognized November 7, 2026 during the Symposium

3 Student Trivia Competition

Put your knowledge to the test—and your school on the map—at AALA's Student Trivia Competition, a Symposium favorite. It's fast-paced, friendly competition among law schools, and one of the best ways to meet fellow students and make your mark before you graduate.

- Open to law students enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school who are registered attendees of the AALA Annual Educational Symposium.
- No pre-registration necessary. Simply come to the designated room prior to the start time.
- Teams may be formed in advance by participants, or individual participants may register solo and be assigned to a team before the competition begins.

Held during the 2026 AALA Annual Educational Symposium | Dallas, TX | November 5-7, 2026

Questions? We're happy to help: info@aglaw-assn.org.