



DUES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

What Are the Qualifications & Application Procedures?

Any prospective or current member of the CBA (in state or out of state) may apply for a partial or full dues reduction for general CBA dues. By assessing their own financial circumstances, applicants determine for themselves whether they need a full or partial reduction.

The dues assistance application asks applicants to certify that payment of full dues to the CBA would pose a serious financial hardship for them. ALL APPLICATIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.

How Much of CBA Dues Will Be Reduced?

After determining their regular CBA dues rate (based on years since bar admission in any state), applicants determine the percentage of dues they need reduced, at levels of 25%, 50%, 75% or 100%. The association believes that most members should be able to afford a minimum level of \$20 dues support to the CBA. If the applicant cannot afford this minimum amount, they must supply a separate letter to the CBA Membership Committee for final approval.

How Long Can I Receive Dues Assistance?

Full reductions 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 CBA dues rate. If there is still a financial hardship that necessitates dues assistance, members need to re-apply through the same procedures. A dues reduction of 100% is granted for the **one year only**; up to 75% for the second consecutive year and up to 50% for the third consecutive year. The CBA Membership Committee will approve the level of dues assistance required for each applicant beyond a three year period.

Are Local Bar Association Dues Affected?

In-state CBA members must also join one of the 27 affiliated local bar associations. Only one of the participating local bar association will be approved for the Dues Assistance Program. Any additional local bar associations will be billed at the standard rate.

Are Member Benefits & Section Dues Affected?

Reducing a portion or all of your dues will not affect your membership benefits. You are entitled to the same full benefits as any other member. Section dues, however, are not eligible under the CBA Dues Assistance Program and must be paid in full.

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DUES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION

This application serves as a request for dues assistance for **both the Colorado Bar Association and a participating affiliated local bar association** (section dues are not waived). All members of the Colorado Bar Association are required to join one of the 27 affiliated local bar associations, with the exception of out-of-state and members with an inactive license.

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Work Phone: _____ **Work Fax:** _____

Local Bar Association: _____ **Attorney Registration No.:** _____

Briefly describe the reason(s) for your request:

Based on the response above, I request that my CBA and local bar dues be waived by the following amount:

25% _____ 50% _____ 75% _____ 100% _____

PLEASE NOTE: All dues assistance applicants are asked to pay a minimum of \$20 to cover general CBA expenses, except in cases of severe financial hardship.

I certify that my financial circumstances are such that I cannot afford the full cost of dues for this year.

Signature Date

Please send no money today – you will be billed for the correct amount once we have reviewed your application.

Return the application to:

CBA Membership Department
1900 Grant Street, Ste 900
Denver, CO 80203
Phone: (303) 860-1115 Fax: (303) 894-0821
E-mail: amberv@cobar.org