



MEXICAN AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2018

The Mexican American Bar Foundation proudly announces the opening of the application season for its annual scholarship awards program. Since 1991, the Foundation has pursued its mission of promoting diversity in the legal profession through education by awarding scholarships to Latino law students.

CRITERIA

In awarding scholarships, the Foundation's Scholarship Committee considers the applicant's financial need, academic achievement, community service, leadership experience and any hardship experienced in pursuing an education. This year, the amount of each scholarship will range from \$7,500 to \$15,000.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility is limited to matriculated law students who: (1) are of Hispanic/Latino heritage or descent; (2) currently attend ABA-accredited law schools in Los Angeles County (Loyola, Pepperdine, Southwestern, UCLA, and USC), or UC Irvine School of Law; and (3) will be enrolled during the 2018-19 academic year. We regret we do not have the resources to assist other students.

INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT. Answer all questions. Attach additional sheets as necessary. The quality and accuracy of your application are critical. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. **Applications must be received via EMAIL ONLY on or before midnight on Friday, March 9, 2018** (The application and all documents submitted therewith must be in Word or PDF format and if necessary scanned by the applicant and attached thereto.) **NO HARD COPY, IN-PERSON or HAND-DELIVERED SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The Scholarship Committee will select applicants to be interviewed on **Saturday, April 21, 2018**. Applicants who are selected for scholarship awards must commit to being present at the Annual Scholarship & Awards Gala, which will be held on **Saturday, June 9, 2018**, at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. NAME:

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. BIRTH DATE: _____ Male ___ Female ___ Place of Birth _____

3. PERMANENT ADDRESS:

Number Street City State Zip

4. ADDRESS WHILE IN SCHOOL:

Number Street City State Zip

Send mail to (check one): Permanent address: _____ School Address: _____

5. EMAIL ADDRESS(ES): _____

6. TELEPHONE NUMBER(S): _____
(Please list all telephone numbers where you can be reached during the school year and summer vacation.)

7. ETHNICITY: _____
(Specify)

8a. LAW SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING:

School Name City State

8b. LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT:

Please obtain a certified copy of your transcript, break the seal, and attach a PDF copy of that transcript to your application. We reserve the right to receive and inspect the original at our discretion. If you are currently in your first year of law study, you must also attach a letter of good standing from the appropriate administrator. The letter must state whether you attend full or part-time.

9. YEAR IN LAW SCHOOL: 1st Year _____ 2nd Year _____ 3rd Year _____ Other _____
Full-time _____ Part-time _____ Date of Enrollment _____
Expected Date of Graduation: Month/Year _____ What is your current cumulative GPA? _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

10a. Have you applied for financial aid for the current school year?

Yes _____ No _____

Please attach a copy of your federal financial aid application, including the portion showing your estimated budget.

10b. Estimate the total amount of student loan debt from all sources that you:

Owed to date: \$ _____ Expect to owe at graduation: \$ _____

11. Have you ever received a scholarship from the Mexican American Bar Foundation? If so, when? _____

12. Are you currently employed? Yes _____ No _____

Employer name, address and telephone number:

Position/duties: _____

Hours/week: _____ Monthly Income: \$ _____

13. Please list prior full or part-time work experience (most recent first):

Dates	Employer	Position	Full/Part-Time	Salary
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

14. Are you claimed as a dependent by a family member or guardian?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please state by whom: _____

15a. Parents/guardians: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone () _____

15b. Father's occupation: _____ Annual income: \$ _____
Mother's occupation: _____ Annual income: \$ _____

15c. Father's education/schools attended: _____
Mother's education/schools attended: _____

16. What is your marital status? Single _____ Married _____ Civil Union _____ Separated _____
Spouse/partner's name: _____ Spouse/partner's occupation: _____
Spouse/partner's annual Income: \$ _____

17. Do you have dependent children? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, how many? _____ Ages _____

18. Do you have any other sources of income? Yes _____ No _____
If so, please explain:

EDUCATION

19. Undergraduate and graduate institution(s) attended:

Name	Location	Dates	Degree or Units
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

ACTIVITIES, INTERESTS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

20. Please list previous and current extra-curricular activities:

Activity	Position Held	Year(s)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

21. Please list any honors you have received in or out of school: _____

22. Briefly describe the area of law you are interested in pursuing: _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please tell the Scholarship Committee about yourself in a Personal Statement, which should not exceed 500 words. Be sure to indicate your career goals, including where you would like to work after law school: private practice (large, medium, solo firm); government practice (prosecutor, public defender, other); non-profit (specify type); business (specify type); or other (specify). Be sure also to describe any hardships you have overcome. The personal statement must be typed and attached to this application.

AWARDS

Applicants who are selected as scholarship recipients must attend the Annual Scholarship & Awards Gala, which will be held on **Saturday, June 9, 2018**, at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, California. **You will be asked to provide a photograph and short biography, which will be included in our dinner program.**

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact our Scholarship Committee at mabfscholarships@gmail.com.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above information and all documents attached hereto are true and accurate.

Signature

Date

COMMITMENT

I recognize that financial resources to assist students attending law school are limited. THEREFORE, I AGREE that, when I become financially able, I will make a good faith effort to support the goals of the Mexican American Bar Foundation by making financial contribution(s) to ease the burden on future Latino law students.

Signature

Date

Email ONLY to: mabfscholarships@gmail.com

CHECKLIST: ARE THESE ITEMS ATTACHED/INCLUDED?

- Transcript (plus Letter of Good Standing if 1st Year) _____
- Personal Statement _____
- Copy of completed federal financial aid form (or other financial aid form) _____
- Certification signature _____
- Commitment signature _____

DEADLINE:
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