



MEXICAN AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2012

The Mexican American Bar Foundation proudly announces the opening of the application season for its annual scholarship awards program. Established in 1991 by volunteer lawyers and judges, the Foundation has pursued its mission of promoting diversity in the legal profession through education by awarding scholarships to Latino law students. 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. Scholarships can range up to \$10,000.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility is limited to matriculated students: (1) whose ancestors are from Mexico, Central America, Cuba, or any other neighboring Spanish-speaking country or territory; (2) who currently attend ABA-accredited law schools in Los Angeles County (Loyola, Pepperdine, Southwestern, UCLA, and USC); and (3) who will be enrolled during the 2012-13 academic year. The Foundation regrets that it does not have the resources to award scholarships to other students.

INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT. The quality and accuracy of your application are critical. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Applications must be postmarked (if hard copy) or received via e-mail (if submitted electronically) on or before April 1, 2012. (Documents that cannot be scanned or attached to electronically submitted applications may be sent under separate cover.) NO IN-PERSON or HAND-DELIVERED SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. The Scholarship Committee will select applicants to be interviewed on Saturday, April 21, 2012 or Saturday, April 28, 2012. 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 16, 2012, at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. NAME:

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____ - _____ - _____

3. BIRTH DATE: _____ Male ____ Female ____ Place of Birth _____

4. PERMANENT ADDRESS:

Number Street City State Zip

5. ADDRESS WHILE IN SCHOOL:

Number Street City State Zip

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

6. EMAIL ADDRESS(S): _____

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

8. ETHNICITY: _____ (Specify)

9a. LAW SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING:

School Name City State

9b. LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT:

Please attach a certified law school transcript. 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.

10. YEAR IN LAW SCHOOL: 1st Year _____ 2nd Year _____ 3rd Year _____ Other _____
Full-time _____ Part-time _____ Date of Enrollment _____
Expected Date of Graduation: Month/Year _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

11a. 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.

11b. Estimate the total amount of student loan debt from all sources that you:
Owe to date: \$ _____ Expect to owe at graduation: \$ _____

12. Have you previously applied for a Mexican American Bar Foundation Scholarship?
If so, when? _____

13. Are you currently employed? Yes _____ No _____
Employer name, address and telephone number:

Position/duties: _____

Hours/week: _____ Monthly Income: _____

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

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

15. Are you claimed as a dependent by a family member or guardian?
Yes _____ No _____

16a. Parents/guardians: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone () _____

16b. Father's occupation: _____ Annual income: _____

Mother's occupation: _____ Annual income: _____

16b. Father's education/schools attended: _____

Mother's education/schools attended: _____

17. What is your marital status? Single _____ Married _____ Civil Union _____ Separated _____

Spouse/partner's name: _____ Spouse/partner's occupation: _____

Spouse/partner's annual Income: _____

18. Do you have dependent children? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, how many? _____ Ages _____

19. Do you have any other sources of income? Yes _____ No _____

If so, please explain:

EDUCATION

20. Undergraduate and graduate institution(s) attended:

Name	Location	Dates	Degree or Units
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ACTIVITIES, INTERESTS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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

Activity	Position Held	Year(s)
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22. Please list any honors you have received in or out of school:

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). 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 16, 2012**, 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 Scholarship Committee Co-Chair Patricia Higuera Stout at patricia.higuera@dlapiper.com. This application may be downloaded from our website: www.themabf.org.

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 contribution(s) to help ease the financial burden of future Latino law students.

Signature

Date

**Mail only to: Patricia Higuera Stout, Scholarship Co-Chair
Mexican American Bar Foundation
c/o DLA Piper
550 South Hope Street, Suite 2300
Los Angeles, California 90071-2678**

Or email to : patricia.higuera@dlapiper.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: APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED IN HARD COPY
OR RECEIVED BY EMAIL
NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2012
NO HAND-DELIVERED OR IN-PERSON SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**