



## MEXICAN AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION BAR STIPEND PROGRAM 2012

The Mexican American Bar Foundation proudly announces the opening of the application season for its California Bar stipend program, now in its third year. 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. The bar stipend program sets aside funds to assist graduating third- and fourth-year law students with bar examination related expenses. In awarding bar stipends, the Foundation will consider the applicant's financial need, academic achievement, community service, leadership experience and any hardship experienced in pursuing an education. Stipends can range up to \$3,000.

### ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility is limited to graduating 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 sit for the February 2012, July 2012, or February 2013 California Bar Examination. 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 in hard copy or received via e-mail on or before February 17, 2012. NO HAND-DELIVERED OR IN-PERSON SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** (Documents that cannot be scanned or attached to electronically submitted applications may be sent under separate cover.) The Foundation will select applicants based on the written submission; interviews will not be conducted. Most bar stipend recipients will be notified in March 2012. Awards will be sent to students two to three months before the administration of the bar examination, or as soon as practicable, upon their having provided satisfactory proof of (1) registration for the February 2012, July 2012, or February 2013 California Bar Examination and (2) enrollment in a bar review course.

### 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 the Summer.)

8. ETHNICITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Specify)

9a. LAW SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING:

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Name City State

9b. LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT: **Please attach a certified law school transcript.**

10. YEAR IN LAW SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

Full-time \_\_\_\_\_ Part-time \_\_\_\_\_ Year of original 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 or Bar Stipend?

If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Are you currently employed? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Employer name, address and telephone number:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Position/duties: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours/week: \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Income: \_\_\_\_\_

13a. Do you have an offer of employment? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please state the name of your future employer and your anticipated monthly salary: \_\_\_\_\_

13b. Do you anticipate having any other source of financial support while studying for the bar examination? If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_
- 16c. Father's education /college(s) attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's education/colleges(s) 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 or assets? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 If so, please explain:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION**

20. Undergraduate and graduate institution(s) attended:

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

**ACTIVITIES, INTERESTS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

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

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

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

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### BAR EXAMINATION PREPARATION

23. Have you registered to take the February 2012, July 2012, or February 2013 California Bar Examination?

If so, please specify which one: \_\_\_\_\_

24. Have you signed up for a bar review course? If so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_. How much have you paid or committed to pay for the course and when is it due? \_\_\_\_\_

### 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.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Scholarship Committee Co-Chair Judge Shelly Baron Torrealba at [STorrealba@LASuperiorCourt.org](mailto:STorrealba@LASuperiorCourt.org). This application may be downloaded from our website: [www.themabf.org](http://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: Sylvia Villalpando, Gala Assistant  
Mexican American Bar Foundation  
c/o Southwestern Law School  
3050 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California 90010**

**Or email to : [vilrodmia@yahoo.com](mailto:vilrodmia@yahoo.com)**

### CHECKLIST: ARE THESE ITEMS ATTACHED/INCLUDED?

- Transcript \_\_\_\_\_
- Personal Statement \_\_\_\_\_
- Copy of completed federal financial aid form (or other financial aid form) \_\_\_\_\_
- Certification signature \_\_\_\_\_
- Commitment signature \_\_\_\_\_

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