



## MEXICAN AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2026

The Mexican American Bar Foundation (“Foundation”) proudly announces the opening of the application season for its annual scholarship awards program. Since 1991, the Foundation has pursued its mission of removing barriers to opportunity and success in the legal profession by awarding scholarships to law students.

### ELIGIBILITY APPLICANTS MUST MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED

Eligibility is limited to matriculated law students who: (1) currently attend and are in good standing at ABA-accredited law schools in the City of Los Angeles (Loyola, Southwestern, UCLA, and USC); and (2) will be enrolled in such law schools during the 2026-27 academic year. Applicants are required to inform the Scholarship Committee if they intend to or have applied to transfer to a school that is not included above. We regret we do not have the resources to award scholarships to students who are not attending the law schools indicated above.

### SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

In evaluating scholarship applicants, the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee considers the applicant’s financial need, academic achievement, community service, leadership and life experience, personal statement, interview, and whether the applicant was a first-generation college student or will be a first-generation graduate student. Scholarship amounts will depend on available funding with the goal of awarding scholarships up to \$10,000.

### INSTRUCTIONS

Answer all questions. The quality and accuracy of your application are critical. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Applications must be received via ONLINE ONLY using our website at [www.themabf.org](http://www.themabf.org) on or before midnight on February 9, 2026. NO HARD COPY SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED unless unique circumstances require you to do so. If you have trouble submitting your application online, please contact us immediately at [mabfscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:mabfscholarships@gmail.com). The Scholarship Committee will select applicants to be interviewed on March 14, 2026, via ZOOM between 8am and 4pm. Please reserve this day.

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. NAME:

(Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

2a. AGE \_\_\_\_\_ 2b. Gender \_\_\_\_\_

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 ADDRESSES: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please provide both a permanent email address and a current/school email address)

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

7. LAW SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING:

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

8 LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT:

**Please obtain a certified copy of your law school 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 our first year of law study, you must also attach a letter of good standing from the appropriate law school administrator. The letter must state whether you attend full or part-time.

9 YEAR IN LAW SCHOOL: 1st Year \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Year \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Year \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

10 Full-time \_\_\_\_\_ Part-time \_\_\_\_\_

11 Date of Enrollment \_\_\_\_\_

12 What is your current cumulative GPA? \_\_\_\_\_

13 Expected Date of Law School Graduation: Month/Year \_\_\_\_\_

14 Will you be a first-generation graduate student? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

15 Briefly describe the area of law you are interested in pursuing: \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

16 Have you applied for financial aid for the current school year?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

17a Owe to date: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 17b. Expect to owe at graduation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

18 Have you ever received a scholarship from the Mexican American Bar Foundation? If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

19 Are you currently employed? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

20 Employer name, address and telephone number:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Dates	Employer	Position	Full/Part-Time	Salary
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24 Are you claimed as a dependent by a family member or guardian?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please state by whom: \_\_\_\_\_

25 Parents/guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

26 Father's occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Annual income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

27 Mother's occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Annual income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

28 Father's highest level of education attained: \_\_\_\_\_

29 Mother's highest level of education attained: \_\_\_\_\_

30 What is your marital status? Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Civil Union \_\_\_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_\_\_

31 Spouse/partner's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/partner's occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

32 Spouse/partner's annual Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

33 Do you have dependent children? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

34 Do you have any other sources of income? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please explain:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### EDUCATION

35 Undergraduate and graduate institution(s) attended:

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

36 Were you a first-generation college student? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

#### ACTIVITIES, HONORS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

37 Please list previous and current extra-curricular activities:

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

38 Please list any honors you have received in or out of school: \_\_\_\_\_

39 Do you currently volunteer? If so, where and how many hours per week? \_\_\_\_\_

40 Have you participated in activities aimed at promoting inclusion of Latinos/as in the legal profession, i.e., helping to break down barriers to entry in the legal profession? If so, please describe.

41 Do you or a family member have a family (blood or marriage) or a business relationship with a director or officer of the Foundation?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Please tell the Scholarship Committee about yourself in a Personal Statement, which should not exceed 500 words. Please use this opportunity to highlight something that you believe best supports your application, which could include your career goals, any achievements you are most proud of, or any hardships you have overcome, whether personal, professional, or academic. The Personal Statement must be typed and included as a PDF with this application. Do not include your social security number on the Personal Statement.

Please include the following statement at the bottom of the Personal Statement (such statement not to be included in the word count); *I certify that I am the sole author of this Personal Statement and that such Personal Statement was not written, in whole or in part, with the help of artificial intelligence.*

#### **AWARDS**

Applicants who are selected as scholarship recipients will be honored during our Scholarship & Awards Gala, which is currently scheduled to be a **LIVE** event scheduled **for Saturday, May 30, 2026 in Downtown LA.**

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, or if you require assistance completing this application, please contact our Scholarship Committee at [mabfscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:mabfscholarships@gmail.com).

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that all the information I have provided, including all documents attached hereto, are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Email Questions to: [mabfscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:mabfscholarships@gmail.com)

#### **CHECKLIST: ARE THESE ITEMS INCLUDED?**

1. Transcript plus letter of good standing
2. Personal Statement
3. Copy of completed FAFSA form (or other financial aid form)
4. Certification signature

#### **DEADLINE:**

**APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER than MIDNIGHT February 9, 2026  
NO HARD COPY SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED unless  
unique circumstances require you to do so. Do not email  
applications to the email address included and please contact  
us at your earliest convenience if you need assistance  
completing this application.**