



MEXICAN AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2024

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. Scholarship amounts will depend on fundraising efforts with the goal of awarding scholarships up 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 in Orange County; and (3) will be enrolled during the 2024-25 academic year. You are required to inform the Scholarship Committee if you intend to or have applied to transfer to a school that is not included above. We regret we do not have the resources to assist other students.

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 on or before midnight on Monday, February 12, 2024. **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 info@themabf.org. The Scholarship Committee will select applicants to be interviewed on **Saturday, March 16, 2024** via **ZOOM** between 8am and 4pm. Please reserve this day.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. NAME:

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2a. BIRTH DATE: _____ 2b. Gender _____ 2c. 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 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. 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.

9a. YEAR IN LAW SCHOOL: 1st Year _____ 2nd Year _____ 3rd Year _____ Other _____

9b. Full-time _____ Part-time _____ 9c. Date of Enrollment _____

9d. What is your current cumulative GPA? _____ 9e. Expected Date of Graduation: Month/Year _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

10a. 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:

10b. Owed to date: \$ _____ 10c. Expect to owe at graduation: \$ _____

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

12a. Are you currently employed? Yes _____ No _____

12b. Employer name, address and telephone number:

12c. Position/duties: _____

12d. Hours/week: _____ 12e. 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: _____ 15c. Annual income: \$ _____

15d. Mother's occupation: _____ 15e. Annual income: \$ _____

15f. Father's education/schools attended: _____

15g. Mother's education/schools attended: _____

16a. What is your marital status? Single _____ Married _____ Civil Union _____ Separated _____

16b. Spouse/partner's name: _____ 16c. Spouse/partner's occupation: _____

16d. 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 included as a PDF with this application.

AWARDS

Applicants who are selected as scholarship recipients will be showcased during our Scholarship & Awards Gala, which is currently scheduled to be a **LIVE** event scheduled for **Saturday, June 1, 2024**. You will be asked to provide a photograph and short biography. **By submitting this application, YOU AUTHORIZE the MABF to include these items in our program book and other marketing materials and platforms such as social media, email blasts and website.**

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 Questions to: mabfscholarships@gmail.com

CHECKLIST: ARE THESE ITEMS INCLUDED?

1. Transcript (plus Letter of Good Standing if 1st Year)
2. Personal Statement
3. Copy of completed FAFSA form (or other financial aid form)
4. Certification signature
5. Commitment signature

DEADLINE:
APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED
NO LATER than MIDNIGHT Monday, February 12, 2024.
NO HARD COPY SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED unless
unique circumstances require you to do so. Please contact us
at your earliest convenience if you need assistance.