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## SAN DIEGO LA RAZA LAWYERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2017 BAR STIPEND AWARD PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS & APPLICATION

San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association Scholarship Fund (the Scholarship Fund) proudly announces the seventh year of its Bar Stipend Scholarship Program! Bar stipends are awarded to law students in their final year of study to assist with bar examination related expenses. In awarding bar stipends, the Scholarship Fund will consider the applicant's academic achievement, financial need, community service, leadership experience and any hardship experienced in pursuing an education. Stipends may range from \$500 to \$3,000. Bar stipend recipients will be honored at an event in April or May of 2017. All law students welcome.

### ELIGIBILITY:

- 1) Third or fourth year law students enrolled in an ABA accredited law school in San Diego County; or law students currently enrolled in an ABA accredited law school with ties to San Diego or Imperial Counties.
- 2) Of Latino or non-Latino heritage; and/or with significant contributions to the Latino or Spanish-speaking community.
- 3) Students who will sit for the July 2017 or February 2018 California Bar Examination.

Bar stipend recipients will be notified in early April 2017. Students will receive awards upon satisfactory proof of: 1) registration for the July 2017 or February 2018 California Bar Examination; and/or 2) enrollment in a bar review course.

Applications will be considered timely and reviewed only if submitted via e-mail to: **sdrlafund@gmail.com** by no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 31, 2017**. Applications should be submitted as a single PDF file. Only the first e-mail submission will be considered. The e-mail subject line should contain your First and Last Name – Bar Stipend Application. In order to be considered for a stipend, you must submit all of the following, in the following order:

- 1) Complete application;
- 2) Certification, Commitment, and Notification signatures;
- 3) Personal Statement;
- 4) Résumé, that includes: i) graduate and undergraduate institution(s) attended; ii) any activities and community involvement, including leadership positions held; iii) any honors; and iv) any employment history;
- 5) Law school transcript;
- 6) If available, proof of: i) registration for the California Bar Examination; or ii) enrollment in a bar review course.

# SAN DIEGO LA RAZA LAWYERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2017 BAR STIPEND AWARD PROGRAM APPLICATION

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. NAME:
2. PERMANENT ADDRESS:
3. CURRENT ADDRESS (if different):  
Send mail to (check one): Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_
4. EMAIL ADDRESS:
5. TELEPHONE NUMBER(S):
6. IDENTIFY YOUR HERITAGE OR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LATINO or SPANISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. LAW SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_
8. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE LA RAZA LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
9. YEAR IN LAW SCHOOL:  
Full-time \_\_\_\_\_ Part-time \_\_\_\_\_ Year of original enrollment \_\_\_\_\_  
Expected Date of Graduation: Month/Year \_\_\_\_\_

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

10. Have you applied for financial aid for the current school year? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
11. How have you financed your law school education? Please indicate percentage:  
\_\_\_\_\_%: Loans  
\_\_\_\_\_%: Scholarships  
\_\_\_\_\_%: Grants  
\_\_\_\_\_%: Self-employment  
\_\_\_\_\_%: Parental/family assistance  
\_\_\_\_\_%: Spousal assistance  
\_\_\_\_\_%: Military/Government - (What percentage must you pay back, if any? \_\_\_\_\_)  
\_\_\_\_\_%: Other \_\_\_\_\_
12. How much do you expect to owe in loans or other repayable commitments upon completion of your law school education?

13. (a) Have you previously applied for a SDLRLA Fund Scholarship? If so, when?  
(b) Did you receive the scholarship? Please provide details as to date and amount:

14. Are you currently employed? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_; Employer name, address and telephone number:

Position/duties:

Hours/week:

Monthly income:

15. Do you have an offer of employment following your completion of law school? \_\_\_\_\_. If yes, please state the name of your future employer and your anticipated monthly salary:

16. Do you anticipate having any other source of financial support while studying for the bar examination? Will the costs of your bar study program be defrayed by any other source? If yes to either question, please describe:

17. What is your marital status? Single \_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_ Civil Union \_\_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_\_;  
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:

### BAR EXAMINATION PREPARATION

20. Have you registered to take the July 2017 or February 2018 California Bar Examination? If so, please specify which one:

21. 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? \$\_\_\_\_\_.

22. Have you completed your moral character application? If so, when did you submit the moral character application?

### PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please tell the Scholarship Fund about yourself and your career goals. Your statement should not exceed 400 words. It must be typed and submitted with this application.

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the above information and all documents attached hereto are true and accurate. I also agree that if I am awarded a stipend, the Scholarship Fund may use my name, image and background information for purposes of promoting the activities of the Scholarship Fund.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association Scholarship Fund by making contribution(s) to help ease the financial burden of future Latino law students.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**NOTIFICATION**

I agree to notify the Board of the Scholarship Fund within 30 days of the date that I pass the California Bar Examination.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information or questions, please contact Candi Mayes [candimayes@dlgsd.com](mailto:candimayes@dlgsd.com) or Greg Vega at [vega@scmv.com](mailto:vega@scmv.com).

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

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