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SAN DIEGO LA RAZA LAWYERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2017 LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS & APPLICATION

San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association (SDLRLA) Scholarship Fund proudly announces the 2017 Law School Scholarship Program! The scholarships are awarded to law students who have met the criteria of community service, financial need, and academic achievement. Scholarships typically range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Recipients will be honored at the SDLRLA Annual Awards and Gala Dinner on October 13, 2017. Please mark your calendars to attend the evening reception.

ELIGIBILITY: Scholarship applicants must have ties to San Diego or Imperial Counties, and must be full-time law students who have completed their first or second year of law school and part-time students who have completed a sufficient number of units equivalent to the first year of law school. Incoming first-year law students are not eligible. Scholarship applicants must be enrolled in a J.D. program at an ABA accredited law school. Please refer to the OTHER REQUIREMENTS section at the end of the application for further details.

Recipients are not limited to persons of a Latino/a background. Instead, the scholarships are awarded to law students from a variety of backgrounds who have contributed to advancing the Latino/a community.

Completed applications and materials must be submitted **via e-mail** as a single PDF to sdlrlafund@gmail.com on or before **September 15, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.** Please remember to make the subject line of the email your first and last name – Scholarship Application. Any questions, feel free to contact Jose Castillo at jose.scher.castillo@gmail.com or Eran Bermudez at eranbermudez@gmail.com

**SAN DIEGO LA RAZA LAWYERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND
2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. NAME: _____
2. PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____
3. CURRENT ADDRESS (if different): _____
4. EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
5. TELEPHONE NUMBER(S): _____
6. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE LA RAZA LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION? _____

SCHOOLS ATTENDED

High School: _____
City and State: _____

College/University: _____
City and State: _____
Date of graduation: _____
Overall GPA: _____
Undergraduate degree(s): _____

Law School: _____
GPA: _____
Full-time Part-time
Year of original enrollment _____ (*1L students are not eligible*)
Expected Date of Graduation (Month/Year): _____
Other Degrees: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

7. Have you applied for financial aid for the current school year? Yes No
8. How have you financed (or plan to finance) 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 _____

9. How much do you expect to owe in loans or other repayable commitments upon completion of your law school education?

10. Have you previously received a scholarship from the SDLRLA Scholarship Fund? If yes, please provide the date and amount:

11. Are you currently employed? If yes, please list your employer's name, address, and telephone number:

Hours/week: _____ Monthly income: _____

12. 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:

13. Do you anticipate having any other source of financial support while attending law school? Will the costs of attending law school be defrayed by any other source? If yes to either question, please describe:

14. What is your marital status? If married, please list your partner's occupation and annual income:

15. Do you have dependent children? If yes, please list the number and age of your child/children:

16. Do you have any other sources of income or assets? If yes, please explain:

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please address the following questions in your Personal Statement. Attach the Personal Statement to the application. Please limit your Statement to two (2) pages, 12 point-font, double spaced.

- Tell us about yourself. Where were you born? Where did you grow up? Describe any hardships that you have overcome.
- Please describe your involvement with the Latino/a community which may include, but is not limited to, extra-curricular activities or community service.
- Why do you want to become a lawyer?
- Why should the SDLRLA Scholarship Fund award you a scholarship?
- Anything else you would like the committee to know about you.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

If you are selected to receive a scholarship, what would you like the Gala Dinner attendees to know about you, and how will the scholarship support your professional goals? Your response should be approximately five sentences. Your submission may appear in the Gala printed program, may be read during the Gala Dinner, and/or may appear on social media sites related to the SDLRLA Scholarship Fund.

Below is a sample biographical statement:

Ms. Gonzalez grew up in San Diego, California. She was raised by her hard-working mother, who sometimes relied on public assistance for support. Her recommender was impressed with Ms. Gonzalez's overall character, integrity, leadership and community service, and concluded that Ms. Gonzalez possesses the talent to become an excellent trial lawyer in the future. Ms. Gonzalez intends to practice criminal and family law to help families navigate through the complex and intimidating legal system.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above information and all documents attached hereto are true and accurate.

Signature

Date

AGREEMENT/WAIVER

I agree that if I am awarded a scholarship, the SDLRLA Scholarship Fund may use my name, image, background information, and excerpts from my personal statement and brief biological statement in its printed materials, website, or Facebook page for purposes of promoting its activities.

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 law students who have contributed to advancing the Latino/a community.

Signature

Date

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Current resume;
2. One letter of recommendation (highly recommended);
3. A current copy of your law school transcript;
4. Letter of Good Standing from law school.

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CHECKLIST: ARE THESE ITEMS ATTACHED/INCLUDED?

Complete application with all signatures
Personal Statement
Resume
Law School Transcript
Letter of Good Standing
Letter of Recommendation (highly recommended)

REMINDER: Applications must be received on or before September 15, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Good Luck!