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SAN DIEGO LA RAZA LAWYERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2025 LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS & APPLICATION

San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association (SDLRLA) Scholarship Fund proudly announces the 2025 Annual Law School Scholarship Program. SDLRLA Scholarship Fund is a nonprofit charitable corporation that provides scholarships to law students who have made contributions to the Latino community. Since 2007, the Fund has proudly awarded over \$600,000 in scholarships and bar stipends to help law students pursue their legal career and dreams. Join us in continuing the legacy of supporting the next generation of lawyers and the advancement of Latino/a/es in law and society.

Scholarships are awarded to 2L and 3L law school students who meet the criteria of community service, financial need, and academic achievement. Recipients will be honored on **October 24, 2025**.

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 units equivalent to the first year of law school. Scholarship applicants must be enrolled in a J.D. program at an ABA accredited law school or a law school in San Diego County accredited by the California State Bar Committee of Bar Examiners. 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/e background. Instead, scholarships are awarded to law students from a variety of backgrounds who have contributed to advancing the Latino/a/e or Spanish-speaking community and demonstrated potential to succeed.

Completed applications and materials must be **e-mailed as a single PDF file** to sdrlafund@gmail.com on or before **Friday, September 19, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.** Make the subject line of your email your first and last name – Scholarship Application (e.g. Student Doe – Scholarship Application). If you have any questions, please contact Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs, Leah Gonzales(leah.w.gonzales@gmail.com) **and** Agustin Peña (agustin.pena@sdcdca.org).

Good luck!

**SAN DIEGO LA RAZA LAWYERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND
2025 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 (OR EQUIVALENT LAW SCHOOL ORGANIZATION)?

SCHOOLS ATTENDED

High School:
City and State:

College/University:
City and State:
Graduation date:
Overall GPA:
Undergraduate degree(s):

Law School:
GPA:
Full-time or part-time:
Enrollment date (1L students are not eligible):
Expected graduation date (Month/Year):

If you have other post-graduate degrees, please provide degree name, date obtained, and school.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

7. Have you previously applied for a scholarship from SDLRLA Scholarship Fund? If yes, did you receive it? If you received a scholarship, please provide the date and amount.

8. How have you financed (or plan to finance) your law school education? Please indicate:

_____%: Loans
_____%: Scholarships/Grants
_____%: Self-employment
_____%: Parental/spousal/family 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. Are you currently employed? If yes, what is your job title, employer's name, address, and telephone number? How often do you work and what is your monthly income?
11. What is your marital status? What is your spouse/partner's occupation and annual income?
12. Do you have dependent children?

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please answer the following questions about yourself. Attach your answers to the application. Limit your answers to two (2) pages, 12-point font, double-spaced.

1. Tell us about yourself. For example, where were you born? Where did you grow up? Describe any hardships that you have overcome.
2. Let us know any specifics of your personal financial situation and how a scholarship would assist you.
3. Describe your contributions to the Latino/a/e or Spanish-speaking community which may include, but is not limited to, internships, employment prior to law school, extra-curricular activities, or community service.
4. Please describe your ties to either San Diego or Imperial County.
5. Is there anything else you would like the Scholarship Committee to know about you when considering your application

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, SDLRLA Scholarship Fund may use my name, image, background information, and excerpts from my personal statement and brief biographical statement in its printed materials, website, or social media 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 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/e community.

Signature

Date

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Current resume
2. Current copy of law school transcript
3. Letter of good standing from law school
4. **One** (1) letter of recommendation

To make the application process fair, please only include the materials requested.

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CHECKLIST: ARE THESE ITEMS INCLUDED IN YOUR APPLICATION PACKET?

- ☐ Complete application with all signatures
- ☐ Personal statement
- ☐ Resume
- ☐ Law school transcript
- ☐ Letter of good standing
- ☐ One letter of recommendation

Applications must be received on or before September 19, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Good luck!