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## **SAN DIEGO LA RAZA LAWYERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2025 BAR STIPEND INSTRUCTIONS & APPLICATION**

San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association (SDLRLA) Scholarship Fund proudly announces the 2025 Bar Stipend 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 Latinos in law and society.

Bar stipends are awarded to law school graduates who are studying for the Summer 2025 or Winter 2026 bar exams who met the criteria of community service, financial need, and academic achievement. Recipients will be honored on **April 24, 2025**.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Bar stipend applicants must have ties to San Diego or Imperial Counties, and must be sitting for the July 2025 or February 2026 bar exam. Bar stipend applicants must have graduated (or be on track to graduate) from a J.D. program at an ABA accredited law school or at a law school accredited by the California State Bar Committee of Bar Examiners in the County of San Diego. 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 bar stipends are awarded to law students from a variety of backgrounds who have contributed to advancing the Latino/a or Spanish-speaking community, and demonstrated potential to succeed.

Completed applications and materials must be **e-mailed as a single PDF** to [sdrlafund@gmail.com](mailto:sdrlafund@gmail.com) on or before **Sunday, April 6, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.** Make the subject line of your email first and last name – Bar Stipend Application (e.g. Student Doe – Bar Stipend Application). If you have any questions, please contact Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs, Leah Gonzales ([leah.w.gonzales@gmail.com](mailto:leah.w.gonzales@gmail.com)) and/or Agustin Peña ([agustin.pena@sdcba.org](mailto:agustin.pena@sdcba.org)).

Good luck!

**SAN DIEGO LA RAZA LAWYERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
2025 BAR STIPEND 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:  
Expected Overall GPA:  
Expected Date of Graduation (Month/Year):  
Bar Examination Date:            July 2025                      February 2026

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

7. Have you previously received a scholarship from SDLRLA Scholarship Fund? If yes, 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?

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10. (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.
11. Are you currently employed:
- Employer name, address, and telephone number:
- Hours/week:
- Monthly income:
12. Do you have an offer of employment following your completion of law school?
13. 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.
14. What is your marital status?
- Spouse/partner's occupation and annual income:
15. Do you have dependent children?
16. Do you have any other sources of income or assets?
17. Have you registered to take the July 2025 or February 2026 California Bar Examination? If so, please specify which one.
18. Have you signed up for a bar review course? If so, which one? How much have you paid, or will commit to pay?
19. 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, your plans for your post-bar period, and your career goals. Please tell us about your demonstrated community service, demonstrated contributions to the Latino/a/x or Spanish-speaking community, demonstrated potential to succeed, and financial need.

Please feel free to add anything else you would like the Scholarship Fund to know about you for purposes of being awarded a bar stipend. Please Limit your answers to one (1) page, 12 point-font, double spaced.

## **CERTIFICATION**

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

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Signature

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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 Facebook page for purposes of promoting its activities.

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Signature

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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 community.

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