



2012 DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

Since 1991, the Foundation has awarded more than \$3.5 million through its scholarship programs. Launched in 2008, the Diversity Scholarship seeks to support newly admitted law students from groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession who have committed to attend a California law school. Candidates apply for the Scholarship at the beginning of the summer prior to commencing their law school studies. The Scholarship helps pay the costs of obtaining a law school education, including tuition, fees, books, and related education expenses. Awards of \$7,500 recognize incoming first-year law students with financial need who demonstrate a desire to make a positive impact as a community leader. Since 2008, the Foundation has supported more than 90 law students with awards totaling almost \$600,000 through the Diversity Scholarship.

All 2012 Diversity Scholarships will be awarded in person at a reception to be held in early October 2012 in Los Angeles.

CRITERIA, INSTRUCTIONS & CONDITIONS

The Diversity Scholarship is awarded in the fall of 2012 for the 2012-2013 academic year. The 2012 Application Deadline is **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2012.**

CRITERIA

1. Candidate must be:
 - Accepted and have committed to enroll in a California law school at the time of submitting an Application, and
 - Starting his or her first year at a California law school in the 2012-2013 academic year.
2. Candidate must self-identify as being from a racial or ethnic group that historically has been underrepresented in the legal profession.
3. Candidate must demonstrate financial need, as shown by financial aid eligibility and outstanding educational loans.
4. Candidate must be committed to making an impact in the community through leadership (there is no requirement that Candidate intend to pursue a career as a public interest attorney).
5. Candidate must submit two current **signed** letters of recommendation (letters may be copies of letters submitted with Candidate's law school applications). If possible, at least one letter should address Candidate's leadership qualities and/or community involvement.
6. Candidates are **not** nominated by their law school and should send application materials directly to the Foundation by the Application Deadline.
7. Candidates from online law schools must be California residents.
8. Candidate must intend to practice law in California after graduation from law school.
9. Students in LLM programs are **not** eligible.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. All portions of the Application must be **received** by the Foundation by **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2012** (the "Application Deadline"). Attachments, letters of recommendation, and law school documents may be submitted separately, though **Candidates are strongly encouraged to submit one packet with all application materials**. Applications not received in full by the Foundation by the Application Deadline will not be considered.
2. Applications may be submitted by mail, delivery service, by fax, or email as a **PDF** to:
Diversity Scholarship
California Bar Foundation
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
Fax: (415) 856-0788
jguillory@calbarfoundation.org

Fax is the least optimal way to submit the application, though it is permitted. If faxing, please make sure that all pieces of the application are easily readable and sent together.

3. Applications postmarked by the Application Deadline but not received in full by the Application Deadline will not be accepted.
4. All documents submitted in association with Candidate's Application for the Diversity Scholarship, including law school documents and letters of recommendation, should include the name of Candidate on **each** page.
5. Applications submitted in hard copy form should have **no staples**.
6. Applications submitted via email must be sent as a single PDF document, though recommendations may come directly from the recommender.
7. Applicants should not send their tax returns with their Applications.
8. See the Application Checklist for a complete list of documentation that must be submitted.

CONDITIONS

1. Diversity Scholarship Recipients must:
 - Attend a reception in their honor, which is currently scheduled for early October 2012 in Los Angeles. The Foundation will provide stipends to help cover the travel costs of attending this event for Recipients who do not attend law school in the Los Angeles. *Failure to attend may result in forfeiture of Recipient's Diversity Scholarship, without notice.*
 - Provide the Foundation, in a timely fashion, contact information for every date between the Application Deadline and the date of the Scholarship Reception. *Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of Recipient's Diversity Scholarship, without notice.*
 - Report back to the Foundation on the progress of their legal education at the end of their first year of law school.
2. Diversity Scholarship Recipients will be requested to provide a recent digital photograph of themselves upon receiving notification of their award. *Please do not send photos with Application.*
3. The Foundation reserves the right to use information from Applications and letters of recommendation as part of its publicity of Diversity Scholarship Recipients.
4. Diversity Scholarship Award Recipients receiving named scholarships may be asked to contact donors supporting their scholarships and invited to attend firm events.



2012 DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Provide answers to questions on this Application. If feasible, all requested documents on the Checklist should be attached to this Application and returned by mail, delivery service, fax, or email. All requested material must be received by the Foundation no later than **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2012**. Please read the Criteria, Instructions, and Conditions for the Diversity Scholarship Application for more information.

Name of Candidate*: _____

Current Address**: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Permanent Address (if different from current address): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Race or Ethnicity: _____

Gender: _____

Law School Committed to Attend in Fall 2012: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Intended Plans after Law School/Reasons for Intent to Practice Law in California: _____

Undergraduate Institution: _____

Undergraduate Major and Degree(s) held: _____

Undergraduate GPA: _____

Other Graduate Degrees (if any): _____

Outstanding Student Loans from Undergraduate Institution: \$ _____

Outstanding Student Loans from Other Graduate Institutions: \$ _____

All of the information provided to the Foundation in my Diversity Scholarship Application and in connection with my admission to, and enrollment in, law school is true, correct, and complete, and there are no material omissions from either application.

Candidate Signature

Candidate Name

Date

* Please print your name as you would wish it to appear in the Foundation's printed materials should you be selected as a Scholarship Recipient.

** Candidates must provide updated contact information immediately if there are changes between the time of submitting the application and September 2012.

CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION FORM

CERTIFICATION OF NON-RELATIONSHIP

I certify that I am not related to any member of the Board of Directors, officer, or employee of the California Bar Foundation or to any member of the Board of Governors, officer, or employee of the State Bar of California. I understand that, if I am disqualified for misrepresenting my relationship with any of the aforementioned or for any other reason, I will not be eligible to receive any scholarship from the Foundation.

_____, 2012
Candidate Signature Date

AUTHORIZATION TO USE INFORMATION, NAME, AND LIKENESS

I understand that the Foundation requires the right to use my name and likeness, as well as information from my Scholarship Application, personal statement, and letters of recommendation as part of its publicity about the Foundation, the Diversity Scholarship Program (and Recipients), and fundraising for the Foundation and its programs. I hereby authorize the Foundation to so use my name and likeness, as well as information from my Scholarship Application, personal statement, and letters of recommendation, in its discretion.

_____, 2012
Candidate Signature Date

CONSENT AND AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN INFORMATION

I acknowledge and represent to the Foundation that I have read the Criteria, Instructions, and Conditions for the Diversity Scholarship, the Application, and related materials. I hereby consent to and authorize the Foundation to request and obtain information relevant to my Scholarship Application. I waive my right to privacy of this information to the extent of this Consent and Authorization. I release and hold harmless the Foundation and my law school from any claims, damages, or liability whatsoever as a result of the disclosure to or use by the Foundation of any such information. I also acknowledge and agree that, if any information contained in my Scholarship Application is not true, complete, and accurate, or if material information has been omitted, I could be disqualified from receiving, and/or forfeit, any Scholarship Award(s) from the Foundation. I further agree and acknowledge that all decisions by the Foundation to award the Diversity Scholarships are made in the sole discretion of the Foundation, and all decisions are final.

_____, 2012
Candidate Signature Date

NOTE: Candidates who submit Scholarship Applications without signing and dating the above (1) Certification of Non-Relationship, (2) Authorization to Use Information, Name, and Likeness, and (3) Consent and Authorization to Obtain Information will be disqualified from consideration for the Diversity Scholarship.



Name of Candidate: _____

CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL NEED

Candidate should fill out this form documenting Candidate's financial need with the information given to Candidate by his/her law school's financial aid office. Candidate should not fill out this sheet until receipt of his/her Financial Aid eligibility information.

Tuition cost for 2012-2013 Academic Year: \$ _____

Other Costs (housing, books, food, etc.): \$ _____

TOTAL LAW SCHOOL 2012-13 BUDGET: \$ _____

Candidate's Financial Aid Awards for 2012-2013 Academic Year:

Grants: \$ _____

Federal Loans: \$ _____

Private Loans: \$ _____

Campus Job Earnings: \$ _____

Work/Study Earnings: \$ _____

Scholarships: \$ _____

TOTAL AWARDS: \$ _____

Candidate reports \$ _____ outstanding student loans from undergraduate institution.

Candidate reports \$ _____ outstanding student loans from other graduate institutions.



2012 DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please include all documents. Failure to provide any of the documents listed below will result in disqualification.

Complete, Sign, and Date the Following Documents Contained in the Application Packet:

- ✓ **Application**
- ✓ **Certification and Authorization Form**, which includes:
 - Certification of Non-Relationship
 - Authorization to Use Information, Name, and Likeness
 - Consent and Authorization to Obtain Information
- ✓ **Certification of Financial Need**

Provide the Following Additional Documents:

- ✓ **Resume** – Submit a resume documenting education, employment, and significant extracurricular activities post-high school.
- ✓ **Personal Statement** – One-page statement of up to 500 words, describing Candidate's commitment to serving the community, and, if applicable, any significant obstacles or hurdles overcome to attend law school. Include a word count at the end of the statement. Applications with statements in excess of 500 words will **not** be considered.
- ✓ **Letters of Recommendation** – Two current **signed** letters of recommendation (letters may be copies of letters submitted with Candidate's law school applications). Letters may be sent to the Foundation directly or provided along with Candidate's Diversity Scholarship Application. At least one letter should address Candidate's leadership qualities and/or community involvement. Letters specifically for this scholarship should be addressed to "California Bar Foundation Diversity Scholarship."
- ✓ **Transcripts** – Copy of Candidate's final undergraduate transcript (include 2.5 equivalency for those schools that do not use a 4.0 scale). If final transcript is not yet available, provide the most recent copy. This can be an unofficial transcript, but it must **clearly identify** the applicant and the school by name. Also include any transcripts from graduate schools attended.
- ✓ **Evidence of Financial Need** – Copy of financial aid eligibility letter received from the law school where Candidate will enroll in fall 2012, including the amounts that Candidate will be receiving in aid. Please do **not** submit tax forms. If Candidate is ineligible for financial aid, please include a statement telling us why. If Candidate has not received the financial aid amounts by the Deadline, send the rest of the application by the Deadline, and then send the financial aid information and Certification of Financial Need form as soon as it is received. Please note on the Application that you have not yet received your financial aid paperwork and that therefore it is not included.
- ✓ **Optional Statement of Financial Circumstances** – Candidate may choose to submit an additional, optional statement of up to 50 words describing any financial circumstances that Candidate believes may be relevant in determining Candidate's financial need (for example, if Candidate worked to pay for most or all undergraduate costs), to the extent this information is not provided in the Evidence of Financial Need.
- ✓ **Evidence of Acceptance to Law School** – A copy of the acceptance letter from the law school where Candidate is committed to enroll in fall 2012.
- ✓ **Evidence of Commitment to Enroll in Law School** – A copy of documentation from the law school evidencing Candidate's commitment to enroll in fall 2012 (e.g., receipt from payment of deposit, email from school acknowledging payment, etc.).

Note: Candidate's name must appear on each page of every document submitted with Application, including letters of recommendation.

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