



## 2012 ROSENTHAL BAR EXAM SCHOLARSHIP

As one of the only scholarship programs in the country that helps public interest law students with bar exam expenses, the Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship supports the pipeline of young California lawyers entering the legal profession as public interest attorneys. The Scholarship recognizes outstanding graduating California law students with financial need who are embarking on careers in public service law by providing financial support for costs related to taking the California Bar Exam. All winners will receive California Bar/Bri Law Review Bar Exam review courses (valued at more than \$3,500), with top winners also receiving \$2,000 in cash to help defray fees and related expenses of taking the California Bar Exam.

The Scholarship is named in honor of Imelda Rosenthal, an émigré from Guatemala. Upon her arrival to the U.S., she learned the language and customs and soon was running a successful company. Reflecting upon her early days in America, Imelda began using a portion of her business' profits to help other young immigrants. After she passed away from a cancer-related illness, her family established a memorial fund, which led to the creation of the Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship Program. The Program is made possible by the generous support of law firms, voluntary donations from members of the California Bar, including prior scholarship recipients, and the Rosenthal family. Since 1997, the California Bar Foundation has supported almost 250 graduating law students through the Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship.

### CRITERIA, INSTRUCTIONS & CONDITIONS

The Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship is awarded in the spring of 2012. The 2012 Application Deadline is **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2012.**

#### CRITERIA

1. Candidate must be:
  - Graduating or have graduated from a California law school in the 2011-2012 academic year; and
  - Taking the California Bar Exam in 2012 for the first time.
2. Candidate must demonstrate and document a strong commitment to public service, intent to pursue a public interest legal career after law school, and financial need, as shown by financial aid eligibility and outstanding educational loans.
3. Candidate must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA or equivalent on a 4.0 scale (or provide an explanation of extenuating circumstances if GPA is lower than 2.5) and provide the grading curve used at Candidate's law school.
4. Candidate's law school must certify:
  - Candidate's actual or anticipated graduation date;
  - Good ethical standing of Candidate while attending law school; and
  - Candidate's financial need.
5. Candidate must have filed his/her application for Moral Character Determination with the State Bar of California by the Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship Application Deadline.
6. Candidate must be chosen as one of a maximum of **four** Candidates nominated by his/her law school.
7. Candidates from online law schools must be California residents.
8. Previous Foundation scholarship winners are eligible for the Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship; any prior awards received by Candidate may be taken into consideration in the selection process.

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. All portions of the Application must be **received** by the Foundation by **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 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**. Please note that in order to provide enough time to select its nominees, a law school typically requires Candidates to submit their Applications to the law school by a date earlier than the Foundation's Application Deadline.
2. Applications may be submitted by mail, delivery service, fax, or email as a **PDF** to:  
Rosenthal Bar Exam 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 with Candidate's Application for the Rosenthal Bar Exam 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. See the Application Checklist for a complete list of required documentation that must be submitted.

## CONDITIONS

1. Rosenthal Bar Exam 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.*
2. The Foundation requires Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship Recipients to report back to the Foundation on the progress of their public interest careers during the next year.
3. The Foundation reserves the right to use information from Applications and letters of recommendation as part of its publicity of Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship Recipients.
4. Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship Recipients are expected to pursue public interest legal careers after law school.
5. Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship Recipients receiving named scholarships may be asked to contact donors supporting their scholarships and invited to firm events.



## 2012 ROSENTHAL BAR EXAM 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, February 8, 2012.**\* Please read the Criteria, Instructions, and Conditions for the Rosenthal Bar Exam 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 (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Career Plans After Law School: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever taken the California Bar Exam?  Yes  No

Are you taking the July 2012 California Bar Exam?  Yes  No

Contact Information for Law School Representative Providing Your Nomination:

Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

All of the information provided to the Foundation in my Rosenthal Bar Exam 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

\*To provide enough time to process your nomination, your law school may require that you submit your Application by a date earlier than the Foundation's Application Deadline.

\*\*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.

## CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION FORM

### STATUS OF CALIFORNIA STATE BAR'S MORAL CHARACTER APPLICATION

I filed my Moral Character Application with the State Bar of California on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and my Moral Character Application is (select one)  pending /  approved. I have read and understand the criteria used to process and evaluate my Moral Character Application and know of no information or reason that could result in my being denied admission to the State Bar of California on moral character or ethical grounds. All of the information provided to the Foundation in my Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship Application and provided to the State Bar of California in connection with my Moral Character Application and admission to the California State Bar is true, correct, and there are no material omissions from either application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate Signature

\_\_\_\_\_, 2012  
Date

### 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate Signature

\_\_\_\_\_, 2012  
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 Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship (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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate Signature

\_\_\_\_\_, 2012  
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 Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship, the Application, and related materials. I hereby consent to and authorize the Foundation to request and obtain information relevant to my Scholarship Application and future admission to the State Bar of California from my law school and the State Bar of California Committee of Bar Examiners. I waive my right to privacy of this information to the extent of this Consent and Authorization. I release and hold harmless the Foundation, the State Bar of California, 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 Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarships are made in the sole discretion of the Foundation, and all decisions are final.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate Signature

\_\_\_\_\_, 2012  
Date

**NOTE:** Candidates who submit Scholarship Applications without signing and dating the above (1) Status of California State Bar's Moral Character Application, (2) Certification of Non-Relationship, (3) Authorization to Use Information, Name, and Likeness, and (4) Consent and Authorization to Obtain Information will be disqualified from consideration for the Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship.

## CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL NEED

Candidate's law school may complete this form or submit its own form documenting Candidate's financial need, so long as it clearly provides the information requested below.

Tuition cost for 2011-2012 Academic Year: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

TOTAL LAW SCHOOL BUDGET: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Financial Aid Awards for 2011-2012 Academic Year:

Grants: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Loans: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Private Loans: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Job Earnings: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Study Earnings: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AWARDS: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate has \$ \_\_\_\_\_ outstanding in law school student loans.

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

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2012

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School: \_\_\_\_\_



## 2012 ROSENTHAL BAR EXAM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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

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

- ✓ **Application**
- ✓ **Certification and Authorization Form**, which includes:
  - Status of California State Bar's Moral Character Application
  - Certification of Non-Relationship
  - Authorization to Use Information, Name, and Likeness
  - Consent and Authorization to Obtain Information

### Provide the Following Additional Documents:

- ✓ **Certification of Ethical Standing and Statement of Nomination** – Letter from law school (1) verifying Candidate's enrollment and good ethical conduct during the academic year in which the Application is filed, (2) stating Candidate's known or anticipated graduation date, and (3) certifying that Candidate is one of the law school's **four** nominees.
- ✓ **Resume** – Designate Candidate's volunteer service post-high school with double asterisks (\*\*). Include **all** legal work experience since the beginning of law school.
- ✓ **Personal Statement** – One-page statement, not to exceed 400 words, describing Candidate's commitment to and plans for a legal career in public service.
- ✓ **Letters of Recommendation** – Two current letters of recommendation supporting Candidate's commitment to public service. Letters can be addressed to "California Bar Foundation Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship."
- ✓ **Law School Transcript** – Copy of Candidate's transcript with the most recent GPA (including explanation of 2.5 equivalency for those law schools that do not use a 4.0 scale) **and** a description of Candidate's law school's grading curve. Please also include a detailed explanation of any extenuating circumstances if Candidate's GPA is lower than 2.5. This can be an unofficial transcript, but it must clearly identify the Candidate and the law school by name.
- ✓ **Certification of Financial Need** – Certification from law school financial aid office of Candidate's financial need by completing the form enclosed with this Application setting forth Candidate's financial aid package as well as total amount of outstanding undergraduate, law school, and other graduate program loans, by category.
- ✓ **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).

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

The Foundation must receive all documents by **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2012**, at:

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