

East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association (EBLRLA) Scholarship Fund

Piedad and Raul Castro Scholarship Application 2024

The East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association (EBLRLA) Scholarship Fund invites qualified candidates to apply for the ***Piedad and Raul Castro Scholarship***, an annual \$5,000 scholarship funded by the **Honorable Arturo Castro**, Judge with the Superior Court of Alameda County, in honor of his parents:

“This scholarship is dedicated to my parents, who, alongside countless other immigrant families, personify the perseverance, sacrifice, and selflessness of those who are dedicated to advancing future generations, with no thought or expectation of personal gain. By giving back in their names, the spirit of their sacrifices will live on, supporting young minds who are equally dedicated to making the world a better place.”

The ***Piedad and Raul Castro Scholarship*** will be awarded to an outstanding law student on pace to graduate in spring 2024 and is designed to assist with expenses related to preparing for the California Bar Exam and transitioning to formal practice as an attorney.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Financial need.
2. Graduation from law school expected in spring 2024.
3. Significant ties to, or expects to practice in, the East Bay (Alameda or Contra Costa Counties).
4. Demonstrated commitment to employing the law to advance social justice.
5. Demonstrated academic success and potential to succeed as a future lawyer.
6. Commitment to attend EBLRLA’s Gala on October 11, 2024, at which the recipient will be recognized.

To be considered for the ***Piedad and Raul Castro Scholarship***, please submit the completed application form and the requested documents as a single PDF file to ebirlasf@gmail.com no later than **11:59 PM Pacific, April 7, 2024**. (Judge Castro will not be involved in the selection process.)

Please include “Castro Scholarship 2024” in the subject line. Late applications will not be considered. We anticipate announcing the recipient no later than April 28, 2024.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Law School: _____ **Expected Graduation Date:** _____

How did you hear about this scholarship?: _____

Have you previously received an EBLRLA Scholarship Fund award?

Yes ___ No ___

If yes, year awarded and amount: _____

Do you have an offer for post-bar employment? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, employer and anticipated monthly income: _____

- Please attach a copy of your transcript.
- Please attach a resume, not to exceed 2 pages.
- Please attach a personal statement of no more than 1 page focused on why you should be awarded the ***Piedad and Raul Castro Scholarship***. We are interested in your background; financial need; hardships or barriers overcome; past efforts to advance social justice, particularly during law school; and future plans as a lawyer.
- Attach a copy of your financial aid printout, which you should be able to obtain from your law school's financial aid office. The printout should include the calculation of your need, as well as the loans and grants that you've already received. Please note that this information will be kept confidential; only the Scholarship Committee will see the information, which will be destroyed when no longer necessary.
- Optional: You may also attach a supplemental 500-word maximum statement about your financial need should you feel it necessary.

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CERTIFICATION

All of the information submitted is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I make a false statement or misrepresentation in this application, I will be disqualified from consideration and be required to repay any money received.

I further agree that if I am awarded a scholarship, the East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association and EBLRLA Scholarship Fund may use my name, image, likeness, and background information at a future event and in its publications for its recruitment, advocacy, public relations, and research activities.

Signed: _____

Date: _____