



2026 Diversity Bar Study Scholarship Sponsored by the CLA Litigation Section

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The East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association (EBLRLA) and the EBLRLA Scholarship Fund continue to partner with the [California Lawyers Association \(CLA\) Litigation Section](#) to present Diversity Bar Study Scholarships to law school students/graduates who have demonstrated an intent to pursue a career in litigation following graduation and have shown commitment to a career in litigation for social justice.

AWARDS: We will award two scholarships of \$5,000 each.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Registered for the July 2026 California Bar Exam;
2. Overcome personal hardships or challenges and shown achievement in law school;
3. Demonstrated intent and commitment to pursue a career in litigation for social justice following graduation;
4. Demonstrated leadership potential and a history of involvement with student, professional, or civic organizations in support of their local communities;
5. Demonstrated financial need; preference will be given to students who do not already have all of their bar exam study expenses covered by another funding source; and
6. Member of EBLRLA and significant ties to, or expects to practice in, the East Bay (Alameda and/or Contra Costa Counties). Dues are \$1 for law students/recent law school graduates, eblrla.org/join.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA:

- The EBLRLA Scholarship Fund aims to support as many deserving law students as possible. While all eligible applicants are encouraged to apply, priority will be given to applicants who have not already received a scholarship from the EBLRLA Scholarship Fund.
- You may only receive one bar scholarship sponsored by the CLA Litigation Section. If you have already received or will receive a CLA Litigation Section-sponsored bar exam scholarship from another bar association, you are not eligible to apply.
- Law students are strongly encouraged to join the CLA Litigation Section for free at <https://calawyers.org/membership-plans/> and to continue their membership after passing the California Bar.
- Scholarship recipients may be asked to attend a future CLA Litigation Section and/or EBLRLA Scholarship Fund event where they will be recognized.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: Email this completed application form and supporting documents, preferably in a combined .pdf file, to eblrlasf@gmail.com with “2026 CLA Scholarship [Your Name]” in the subject line. All information provided will be kept confidential by the EBLRLA Scholarship Fund review committee and will be destroyed when no longer necessary. If you have any questions, please email eblrlasf@gmail.com.

DUE DATE: Sunday, June 14, 2026, 11:59 PM Pacific. Late applications will not be considered.

2026 Diversity Bar Study Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Law School: _____

Graduation Date (Month and Year): _____

Are you a first-generation college graduate? Yes _____ No _____

Are you a first-generation law student? Yes _____ No _____

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

Have you previously received an EBLRLA Scholarship? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, year(s) awarded and amount(s): _____

Is an employer or other entity providing you with a bar exam stipend? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please specify the amount(s) and what expenses it will cover (e.g., exam registration, bar review course, housing, transportation, living expenses, etc.).

Application Documents Checklist:

- **Resume.** Two-page maximum. Include any litigation work experience you have.
- **Essay.** Two-page maximum. Address how you fulfill the purpose and criteria of this scholarship and why you should be awarded the CLA Litigation Section Scholarship.
- **Law School Transcript.** Unofficial copies are acceptable. Enrollment and grade point average are subject to verification.
- **Financial Aid Printout.** Obtain a financial aid printout from your law school student account or financial aid office. The printout should include the calculation of your need, as well as the loans and grants already received.
- **Other Proof of Financial Need.** Include any other supporting documentation to verify your financial need, including other loan debt (e.g., undergraduate, graduate, private loans, etc.).
- **Optional:** Should you feel it necessary you may also attach a supplemental 300-word maximum statement about your financial need and how this scholarship would assist you.

Certification Statement

All of the information submitted in this application 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 will be required to return or repay any money received.

I further agree that if I am awarded a scholarship, the East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association (“Association”) and EBLRLA Scholarship Fund (“Fund”) may use my name, image, likeness, and biographical information at a future event and in its publications for recruitment, advocacy, public relations, and research purposes unless I request to opt out.

- By checking this box, I request to opt out of the Association and Fund using my name, image, likeness, and personal identifiable information at a future event and in its publications.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(type or sign your name)