

## 2026 Public Interest Law Summer Stipend Application

The **EBLRLA Scholarship Fund** (the “Fund”) is a non-profit, charitable 501(c)(3) organization that was created to raise funds for scholarships for law students who live, work, or study in Alameda and/or Contra Costa counties. The Fund, in partnership with the **East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association** (the “Association”), invites all law students who meet the eligibility criteria to apply for a 2026 Public Interest Law Summer Stipend.

**Awards:** We will award multiple stipends, each in an amount ranging from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

### Eligibility Criteria:

1. Law student is placed – or will be placed – in an unpaid public interest law role for the 2026 summer at a non-profit organization, legal aid organization, government agency, or court. Preference will be given to applicants with ties to Alameda and/or Contra Costa counties.
2. Member of the Association. (Dues are only \$1 for law students: [www.eblrla.org/join](http://www.eblrla.org/join).)
3. Demonstrated financial need.
4. Demonstrated commitment to using the law to advance social justice.
5. Demonstrated commitment to academic success and/or leadership experience.
6. Proof of placement in an unpaid public interest law role for the 2026 summer, if available.

The 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 secured funding (e.g., from their law school or another bar association) for their 2026 summer employment.

### Application Instructions:

Email this completed application form and the requested supporting documents, preferably as a single PDF file, to [eblrlasf@gmail.com](mailto:eblrlasf@gmail.com) with “2026 Summer Stipend - [Your Name]” in the subject line. All applications will be kept confidential by the Fund review committee and will be destroyed when no longer necessary. If you have any questions, please email [eblrlasf@gmail.com](mailto:eblrlasf@gmail.com).

**Due Date:** Sunday, June 14, 2026, 11:59 PM Pacific. Late applications will not be considered.

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

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

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

Law School: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date (Month and Year): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in good academic standing with your law school? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If no, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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 accepted an **unpaid** 2026 summer public interest law role offer? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please specify your employer. If no, please explain your situation.

Have you been awarded other funding for this 2026 summer role? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please specify the amount(s) and source(s).

### Application Documents Checklist:

- **Resume.** Two-page maximum. We are especially interested in community service, student leadership, and work focused on marginalized communities.
- **Essay.** Two-page maximum. Address how you fulfill the criteria for this stipend and why you should be awarded a summer stipend. We are especially interested in your background; hardships/barriers overcome; accomplishments in law school and during summer work; and your future plans in law school and after graduation.

- **Financial Aid Printout and Other Proof of Financial Need.** 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. You may include additional documentation to verify your financial need, including other 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 repay any money received.

If my summer position were to become paid, I will notify the Fund immediately.

I further agree that if I am awarded a scholarship, the Association and Fund may use my name, image, likeness, and biographical information at a future event and in its publications for its recruitment, advocacy, public relations, and research activities 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 biographical information at a future event and in its publications.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(*type or sign your name*)