

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 law students who meet the eligibility criteria to apply for a 2025 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 2025 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 EBLRLA. Dues are \$1 for law students: 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 2025 summer, if available.

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 secured funding (e.g., from their law school or another bar association) for their 2025 summer employment.

Application Instructions:

Email this completed application form and the requested supporting documents, preferably as a single PDF file, to eblrlasf@gmail.com with “2025 Summer Stipend - [Your Name]” in the subject line. All applications 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: Monday, June 2, 2025, 11:59 PM Pacific. Late applications will not be considered.

2025 Public Interest Law Summer Stipend Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Law School: _____ Current Year Level: _____

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 previously received an EBLRLA Scholarship? Yes _____ No _____

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

Have you accepted an **unpaid** 2025 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 2025 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 of this scholarship 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.

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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.

If my summer position were to become paid, I will notify the EBLRLA Scholarship Fund (the “Fund”) immediately.

I further agree that if I am awarded a scholarship, the East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association (the “Association”) and the 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)