

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 applicants who meet the eligibility criteria to apply for this scholarship.

Awards: We will award up to three (3) \$1,000 individual scholarships to bar applicants preparing for and retaking the July 2026 California bar exam.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Registered for the July 2026 California bar exam;
2. Demonstrated financial need;
3. Demonstrated commitment to academic success and/or leadership experience;
4. Demonstrated commitment to using the law to advance social justice; and
5. Member of the Association and significant ties to, or expects to practice in, Alameda and/or Contra Costa Counties. Dues are \$1 for law students/recent law school graduates: eblrla.org/join.

The Fund aims to support as many deserving future lawyers as possible. While all eligible applicants are encouraged to apply, priority will be given to applicants who have not already secured funding (e.g., other scholarships, grants, stipends, etc.) for their bar prep expenses.

Due Date: Sunday, June 14, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. (Pacific). Late applications will not be considered.

Application Instructions: Email this completed application form and requested supporting documents, preferably as a single PDF file, to eblrlasf@gmail.com with “2026 Scholarship Fund Bar Study - [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.

Supporting Documents Checklist:

- Proof of registration for the July 2026 California bar exam.**
- Resume.** Two-page maximum. Include any community service, student leadership, and work focused on marginalized communities.
- Essay.** Two-page maximum addressing how you fulfill the application criteria. We are especially interested in your background, financial need, hardships or barriers overcome, past efforts to advance social justice (particularly during and post-law school), and your future plans as a lawyer.
- Law School Transcript.** Unofficial copies are acceptable. Enrollment and grade point average are subject to verification.
- Proof of Financial Aid or Need.** Obtain a financial aid printout from your law school account or loan servicer(s) with the amount of loans and/or grants received. Include any other relevant supporting documentation to verify your financial need, including other sources of debt.
- Optional:** You may attach a supplemental 300-word maximum statement about your financial need.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Law School: _____

Graduation 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? _____

When did you last take the California bar exam? _____

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

If yes, name the employer and anticipated monthly income: _____

Is an employer or other entity providing you with bar exam prep funding? 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.).

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.

I further agree that if I am awarded this 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)