

Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County 2025 Bar Stipend Application Form

The Program

This fund is sponsored by the O. C. Hispanic Bar Association and awards stipends to law students with strong Latinx ties and strong connections to Orange County. Recipients are honored and expected to be present at our annual gala to be held next year.

Eligibility

Eligible bar takers must be 3-L law students or registrants of the February or July 2025 California Bar Exam and of Latino origin and involved in the Latino community. Priority will be given to bar takers with significant ties to Orange County. Stipends are open to bar takers regardless of immigration status. The OCHBA requests your authorization to print and display portions of your personal statement and picture in our program and at our Gala for the purpose of raising scholarship and stipend funds for future years.

Available Scholarship

 \Box A maximum of one – four (1-4) stipend awards will be given and a maximum of \$6,000.00 will be distributed among the scholarship winners.

Application Requirements

To be considered for a*n award*, you must:

- Complete and sign the 3-page application
- Include personal statement as specified in the application
- Attach a resume (include relevant community involvement and legal work)
- Proof/receipt of registration for the February or July 2025 California Bar Exam
- Letter(s) of recommendation are optional

All materials must be postmarked by <u>Friday, November 29, 2024</u> for the February 2025 Bar Exam and by <u>March 31, 2025</u> for the July 2024 Bar Exam. Sign completed form and mail to: Hispanic Bar Association P.O. Box 6130 Newport Beach, CA 92658 Attn: Bar Stipend You may also email your application to: <u>info@ochba.org</u> **Incomplete or late applications will not be considered!**

Applications will be reviewed by the HBA Scholarship Committee. Please note the following dates:

November 29, 2024: Application deadline. All materials must be postmarked by this date for February 2025 Bar Exam.

March 31, 2025: Application deadline. All materials must be postmarked by this date for July 2025 Bar Exam.

December 2024/January 2025: Notification of stipend recipients will be sent.

BAR EXAM STIPEND APPLICATION

Applicant's Personal Information

Last Name First Name Middle

Address Apt.

Phone Number

City State Zip

Date of Birth

E-mail Address

I am of Latino descent through my:
□ Father
□ Mother
□ Grandfather
□ Grandmother who is (are) descendants of: ______.

Are you a member of the Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County? DYes DNo

Are you the recipient of any immigration benefit (DACA, U-Visa, etc.) DYes No

Are you bilingual (Spanish/English)? □Yes □No

Applicant's School Information

| High School Attended G.P.A | City/State: | |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Undergraduate School Attended G.P.A. | City/State: | |
| Law School Current/Attended G.P.A | City/State: Graduation Date: | |
| Legal Area of Interest: | | |
| Law School Student Ranking: | _ | |
| Registered Bar Exam Date: | | |
| Date(s) Prior Exam Taken: | | |

Applicant's Personal Information

On an attached sheet (typed and double-spaced), please address the following points in a maximum of 500 words:

- 1. Academic plans and career goals
- 2. Your ties to Orange County and/or the Latinx community
- 3. How your legal education will enable you to contribute/give back to the Latino community
- 4. Your financial need and how being awarded this stipend will assist you
- 5. Any special family or personal circumstances which have affected your achievement in school, work, or your participation in school or community activities (if applicable)

Certification

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided in my application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the HBA may require me to provide documentation to corroborate the above information in order to be considered for this scholarship process. I further understand that any discrepancy in my information may result in disqualification from this scholarship process and termination of any scholarship awarded.

Applicant's Signature

_____Date _____

Authorization

The OCHBA requests your authorization to print and display portions of your personal statement and picture in our program and at our Gala for the purpose of raising scholarship funds for future years.

I ______, authorize the Orange County Hispanic Bar Association to print and or display all or portions of my personal statement and likeness in the newsletter and/or at the 2025 OCHBA Scholarship Fundraising Gala.

Date:

Signature

Mail to: Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County

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