



## **Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County 2026 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 2026 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**

□ 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 *an 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 2026 California Bar Exam
- Letter(s) of recommendation are optional

All materials must be postmarked by November 30, 2025 for the February 2026 Bar Exam and by March 31, 2026 for the July 2026 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: [info@ochba.org](mailto:info@ochba.org)

**Incomplete or late applications will not be considered!**

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

**November 30, 2025**: Application deadline. All materials must be postmarked by this date for February 2026 Bar Exam.

**March 31, 2026**: Application deadline. All materials must be postmarked by this date for July 2026 Bar Exam.

**December 2025/January 2026**: Notification of stipend recipients for February 2026 Bar Exam

**May 2026/June 2026**: Notification of stipend recipients for July 2026 Bar Exam

## **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? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

### ***Applicant's School Information***

High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_  
G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate School Attended \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_  
G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_

Law School Current/Attended \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_  
G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_ 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 2026 OCHBA Scholarship Fundraising Gala.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County  
P.O. Box 6130 Newport Beach, CA 92658 Phone: 949-440-6700 x 253 Website: [www.ochba.org](http://www.ochba.org)  
Email: [info@ochba.org](mailto:info@ochba.org) Phone: 949-760-0204