



## 2009 DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

Since 1991, the Foundation has awarded more than \$2.6 million through its scholarship programs. Launched for the first time in 2008, the Diversity Scholarship seeks to support newly admitted law students from groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession who have committed to attend a California law school. Candidates apply for the Scholarship at the beginning of the summer prior to commencing their law school studies. The Scholarship helps pay the costs of obtaining a law school education, including tuition, fees, books, and related education expenses. Awards of up to \$7,500 recognize incoming first-year law students with financial need who demonstrate a desire to make a positive impact as a community leader.

The top awards of \$7,500 may be made in the name of a Diversity Scholarship Fund donor. All Diversity Scholarships are awarded in person at a reception to be held in 2009 on Thursday, October 1 in San Francisco.

## CRITERIA, INSTRUCTIONS & CONDITIONS

The Diversity Scholarship is awarded in the fall of 2009 for the 2009-2010 academic year. The 2009 Application Deadline is **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2009.**

### CRITERIA

1. Candidate must be:
  - Accepted and have committed to enroll in a California law school at the time of submitting an Application, and
  - Enrolled as a first-year student at a California law school in the 2009-2010 academic year.
2. Candidate must self-identify as being from a racial or ethnic group that historically has been underrepresented in the legal profession.
3. Candidate must demonstrate financial need.
4. Candidate must be committed to making an impact in the community through leadership (there is no requirement that Candidate intend to pursue a career as a public interest attorney).
5. Candidate must submit two current signed letters of recommendation (letters may be copies of letters submitted with Candidate's law school applications). If possible, at least one letter should address Candidate's leadership qualities and/or community involvement.
6. Candidates are not nominated by their law school and should send application materials directly to the Foundation by the Application Deadline.
7. Candidates from online law schools must be California residents.
8. Candidate must submit all documentation listed in the 2009 Diversity Scholarship Application Checklist.

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. All portions of the Application must be received by the Foundation by **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2009** (the "Application Deadline"). Attachments, letters of recommendation, and law school documents may be submitted separately, though Candidates are strongly encouraged to submit one packet with all application materials. Applications not received in full by the Foundation by the Application Deadline will not be considered.
2. Applications may be submitted by mail, delivery service, electronically or by fax to:  
Diversity Scholarship Program  
California Bar Foundation  
180 Howard Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
Fax: (415) 856-0788
3. Applications postmarked by the Application Deadline but not received in full by the Application Deadline will not be accepted.
4. All documents submitted in association with Candidate's Application for the Diversity Scholarship should include the name of Candidate on each page.
5. See the Application Checklist for a complete list of documentation that must be submitted.

## CONDITIONS

1. Diversity Scholarship Recipients must:
  - Attend a reception in their honor, which is currently scheduled for October 1, 2009, at 5:00 p.m., in San Francisco. Recipients of scholarships awarded in the name of a law firm may also be invited to attend firm events. The Foundation will provide stipends to help cover the travel costs of attending this event for Recipients not living in the Bay Area. *Failure to attend may result in forfeiture of Recipient's Diversity Scholarship, without notice.*
  - Provide the Foundation, in a timely fashion, contact information for every date between the Application Deadline and the date of the Scholarship Reception. *Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of Recipient's Diversity Scholarship, without notice.*
  - Report back to the Foundation on the progress of their legal education at the end of their first year of law school.
2. Diversity Scholarship Recipients will be requested to provide a recent digital photograph of themselves upon receiving notification of their award. *Please do not send photos with Application.*
3. The Foundation reserves the right to use information from Applications and letters of recommendation as part of its publicity of Diversity Scholarship Recipients.
4. Diversity Scholarship Award Recipients receiving named scholarships may be asked to contact donors supporting their scholarships.



# 2009 DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Provide answers to questions on this Application. If feasible, all requested documents on the Checklist should be attached to this Application and returned by mail, delivery service, electronically or fax. All requested material must be received by the Foundation no later than **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2009**. Please read the Criteria, Instructions, and Conditions for the Diversity Scholarship Application for more information.

Name of Candidate\*: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Race or Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School Committed to Attend in Fall 2009: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Possible Plans after Law School: \_\_\_\_\_

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Undergraduate Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Major and Degree(s) held: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Graduate Degrees (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

All of the information provided to the Foundation in my Diversity Scholarship Application and in connection with my admission to, and enrollment in, law school is true, correct, and complete, and there are no material omissions from either application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\* Please print your name as you would wish it to appear in the Foundation's printed materials should you be selected as a scholarship recipient.  
 \*\* Candidate's must provide updated contact information if there are changes between the time of submitting the application and August 10, 2009.

## CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION FORM

### CERTIFICATION OF NON-RELATIONSHIP

I certify that I am not related to any member of the Board of Directors, officer, or employee of the California Bar Foundation or to any member of the Board of Governors, officer, or employee of the State Bar of California. I understand that, if I am disqualified for misrepresenting my relationship with any of the aforementioned or for any other reason, I will not be eligible to receive any scholarship from the Foundation.

\_\_\_\_\_, 2009  
Candidate Signature Date

### AUTHORIZATION TO USE INFORMATION, NAME, AND LIKENESS

I understand that the Foundation requires the right to use my name and likeness, as well as information from my Scholarship Application, personal statement, and letters of recommendation as part of its publicity about the Foundation, the Diversity Scholarship Program (and Recipients), and fundraising for the Foundation and its programs. I hereby authorize the Foundation to so use my name and likeness, as well as information from my Scholarship Application, personal statement, and letters of recommendation, in its discretion.

\_\_\_\_\_, 2009  
Candidate Signature Date

### CONSENT AND AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN INFORMATION

I acknowledge and represent to the Foundation that I have read the Criteria, Instructions, and Conditions for the Diversity Scholarship, the Application, and related materials. I hereby consent to and authorize the Foundation to request and obtain information relevant to my Scholarship Application. I waive my right to privacy of this information to the extent of this Consent and Authorization. I release and hold harmless the Foundation and my law school from any claims, damages, or liability whatsoever as a result of the disclosure to or use by the Foundation of any such information. I also acknowledge and agree that, if any information contained in my Scholarship Application is not true, complete, and accurate, or if material information has been omitted, I could be disqualified from receiving, and/or forfeit, any Scholarship Award(s) from the Foundation. I further agree and acknowledge that all decisions by the Foundation to award the Diversity Scholarships are made in the sole discretion of the Foundation, and all decisions are final.

\_\_\_\_\_, 2009  
Candidate Signature Date

**NOTE:** Candidates who submit Scholarship Applications without signing and dating the above (1) Certification of Non-Relationship, (2) Authorization to Use Information, Name, and Likeness, and (3) Consent and Authorization to Obtain Information will be disqualified from consideration for the Diversity Scholarship.



## 2009 DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Failure to timely provide any of the documents listed below will result in disqualification of your application.

### Complete, Sign, and Date the Following Documents Contained in the Application Packet:

- ✓ **Application**
- ✓ **Certification and Authorization Form**, which includes:
  - Certification of Non-Relationship
  - Authorization to Use Information, Name, and Likeness
  - Consent and Authorization to Obtain Information

### Provide the Following Additional Documents:

- ✓ **Evidence of Acceptance to Law School** – Provide a copy of the acceptance letter from the law school where Candidate is committed to enroll in fall 2009.
- ✓ **Evidence of Commitment to Enroll in Law School** – Provide a copy of documentation from the law school evidencing Candidate's commitment to enroll in fall 2009.
- ✓ **Resume** – Submit a resume documenting education and significant extracurricular activities since high school.
- ✓ **Personal Statement** – One-page statement of up to 500 words, describing Candidate's commitment to serving the community, and, if applicable, any significant obstacles or hurdles overcome to attend law school. Include a word count at the end of the statement. Applications with statements in excess of 500 words will not be considered.
- ✓ **Letters of Recommendation** – Two current signed letters of recommendation (letters may be copies of letters submitted with Candidate's law school applications). Letters may be sent to the Foundation directly or provided as copies with Candidate's Diversity Scholarship Application. If possible, at least one letter should address Candidate's leadership qualities and/or community involvement.
- ✓ **Undergraduate Transcript** – Copy of Candidate's final undergraduate transcript, and if final transcript is not yet available, provide the most recent copy (include 2.5 equivalency for those schools that do not use a 4.0 scale).
- ✓ **Evidence of Financial Need** – Copy of financial aid eligibility letter received from the law school where Candidate will enroll in fall 2009.
- ✓ **Optional Statement of Financial Circumstances** – Candidate may choose to submit an additional, optional statement of up to 50 words describing any financial circumstances that Candidate believes may be relevant in determining Candidate's financial need (for example, if Candidate worked to pay for most or all undergraduate costs), and describing if Candidate has any loans outstanding from undergraduate or other graduate institutions, to the extent this information is not provided in the Evidence of Financial Need.

**Note:** Candidate's name must appear on each page of every document submitted with your Application, including letters of recommendation.

The Foundation must receive all documents by **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2009**, at:

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California Bar Foundation  
180 Howard Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105-1639  
Fax: (415) 856-0788