

Dear Bay Area Minority Law Student Scholarship Applicant:

The Justice & Diversity Center (JDC) of the Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) would like to say congratulations on being accepted into law school! We are very excited that you have decided to apply for JDC's 2019 Bay Area Minority Law Student Scholarship. We have been awarding scholarships to minority law students for twenty years. We believe that by offering scholarships to minority students we are helping to ease a large barrier to success in law school — the financial barrier.

We offer these scholarships because we are firmly committed to, and recognize the importance of diversity within the legal practice, particularly in the San Francisco Bay Area. The scholarships are need-based and are given to underrepresented minorities in six Northern California ABA-accredited law schools. In addition to scholarship funding, we provide mentoring and guidance to the selected applicants.

Our scholarship program was established in 1998 in response to the passage of SP-1, the University of California Regents' resolution to end affirmative action and race-based admissions at UC schools. In twenty years, we have awarded over 2 million dollars in scholarships to more than 100 students. We offer single-year and multiple-year scholarships, depending upon scholarship funds available. If you are selected as a recipient, you will be notified of the term and amount of your award.

We have had great success stories from past recipients who have become associates with some of the top law firms, public interest offices, corporations and government including: Kecker, Van Nest & Peters; Morrison & Foerster; LuxBus America, San Mateo District Attorney's Office, California Rural Legal Assistance Inc., Square, Worksafe Inc., and the United States Department of Justice. One recipient clerked for the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, and another recent recipient is a Fulbright Scholar.

This success would not be possible without the strong and generous support from the Bay Area legal community. Sponsors of the scholarship program have included:

- The Justice & Diversity Center (JDC) of the Bar Association of San Francisco
- SF-Marin Lawyer Referral and Information Service of the Bar Association of San Francisco
- Arthur and Charlotte Zitrin Foundation
- AT&T
- James Brosnahan and Judge Carol Brosnahan
- Joe Remcho Scholarship, funded by Dr. Ruth Shaber
- Coblenz Patch Duffy & Bass
- Kecker, Van Nest & Peters
- Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein
- Morrison & Foerster (partners group)
- Morrison & Foerster Foundation
- Pacific Gas and Electric Company
- Say Hey Foundation
- Stuart Plunkett, Baker Botts
- Zelle

We are very proud of and grateful to our sponsors for their commitment to diversity in the legal profession. We hope you will be the next successful candidate to thank one of these sponsors.

Very truly yours,



Yolanda M. Jackson  
Executive Director

The Bar Association of San Francisco and the Justice & Diversity Center

Here are a few things you should know about the application process:

### Applicant Requirements

- This is a need-based scholarship. Applicants must provide compelling financial need.
- Must be a student from a minority group that is underrepresented in San Francisco Bay Area law schools
- Must submit a completed application packet by the deadline.
- Must have received a “letter of admission” from one of the six (6) San Francisco Bay Area ABA accredited law schools listed below
- Must be entering law school in Fall 2019; current law students are welcome to apply

### Application Packet Requirements (Refer to the actual application for complete details)

Your packet must include:

- A completed application – every section of the application must be completed (if applicable)
- Copy of your current resumé
- Your official (sealed) transcript(s) from all undergraduate and graduate schools (if applicable)
- A personal statement, up to 500 words, stating obstacles you have overcome in pursuing your education, and the qualities and talents you would bring to the legal profession
- Copies of your 2018 IRS tax forms and/or your parent(s)/guardian(s) (if applicable). Please blackout all social security numbers from documents.
- Optional statement of economic need.
- Copies of “letters of admissions” from one of the following ABA accredited law schools in the San Francisco Bay Area:
  - University of California – Berkeley School of Law
  - University of California – Hastings College of the Law
  - Golden Gate University School of Law
  - Santa Clara University School of Law
  - Stanford Law School
  - University of San Francisco School of Law

### Application Packet Submission Requirements

Complete application packets (as described above) must be received or postmarked by **April 19, 2019** at 5:00 p.m. to be considered. Applications submitted by email will not be accepted.

Mail to: The Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco  
Bay Area Minority Law Student Scholarship Program c/o Diversity Director  
301 Battery Street, 3rd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111

### Application Review Process

Scholarship applications will be reviewed starting **April 19, 2019**, with final decisions made around June 2019. Applications will only be reviewed once the packet is deemed complete. Any incomplete applications received or applications including a personal statement which exceeds 500 words will be disqualified and will not be reviewed by the committee.

### Scholarship Recipients

Before receiving scholarship funds, recipients will need to demonstrate admission to and enrollment in one of the six listed ABA accredited law schools in the San Francisco Bay Area. Scholarship funds will be disbursed twice per school year, directly to the law school, and will be dependent upon proof of enrollment and good standing in each semester of law school, and any other scholarship requirement that the Justice & Diversity Center of The Bar Association of San Francisco deems appropriate. Students may receive a one-time or multi-year scholarship depending upon available funds and successful completion of the scholarship requirements stated at the time the award is given.

Questions: Please contact Samantha Akwei at [sakwei@sfbbar.org](mailto:sakwei@sfbbar.org)

**I. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Please note: All information provided will be kept confidential and may be subject to verification. Please provide information in all designated areas, unless otherwise noted, to facilitate review by the selection committee and to ensure your application is complete. If answer is “none” or “not applicable,” please indicate as such.

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Email: \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. College: \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

**8. I HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO:**

- UC Berkeley     Golden Gate     UC Hastings     University of San Francisco     Santa Clara     Stanford

I have accepted admission to a San Francisco Bay Area Law School. I notified \_\_\_\_\_ Law School on \_\_\_\_\_.

9. LSAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date exam taken: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**10. SCHOOLS ATTENDED**

List all schools you have attended as an undergraduate, and if applicable, graduate level. (Please include community college, if applicable.) For each school, indicate the dates of attendance, degree(s) or diploma(s) received major fields of study, and overall GPA. (Attach an additional sheet using same format, if necessary.)

From	To	Name, City and State of School Attended	Major	Degree Awarded	GPA

**11. WORK EXPERIENCE**

List your work experience, including part-time and/or summer positions, present employer first. (In addition, you may attach a current copy of your résumé, but this section below must also be completed).

From	To	Name, City and State of Employer	Position Held

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**12. COLLEGE ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES**

(Attach an additional sheet using same format, if necessary.)

Organization	Years Involved	Roles and Responsibilities

**13. NON-COLLEGE COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES (During the last five years)**

(Attach an additional sheet using the same format, if necessary.)

Organization	Years Involved/ % of Time	Offices Held and Duration of Tenure

**14. HONORS OR AWARDS RECEIVED (Attach an additional sheet using the same format, if necessary)**

Honor/Award Name	Year Received	Description of Honor/Award

- 15. Are you the first person in your immediate family to have attended college?  Yes  No
- 16. Are you the first person in your immediate family to have graduated from college?  Yes  No
- 17. Are you the first person in your immediate family to attend graduate school?  Yes  No
- 18. Have you participated in any of JDC's Destination Law School events/programs?  Yes  No

**19. PERSONAL REFERENCES: LIST THREE (Please do not list relatives)**

Name	Relationship	Email and Phone

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**1. GRANTS, LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS (Undergraduate and/or graduate school other than law school)**

Please list current and all undergraduate/graduate grants/loans/scholarships here:

Grant/Scholarship Name	Total Amount Awarded	Yearly Amount	Academic Year Received	Indicate if it is Grant or Scholarship

Loans	Total Amount	Yearly Amount	Academic Year Received

**2. GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS (Law School)**

A. Please list grants, loans and scholarships applied for, or promised, for the next academic law school year:

Grant/Scholarship Name	Total Amount Applied for	Amount Awarded	Yearly Amount	Already Promised Amount	Indicate if it is Grant or Scholarship and how long it runs

Loans	Total Amount Applied for	Amount Approved	Yearly Amount	Loan Length

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS CONTINUED**

B. Upcoming loans in repayment \_\_\_\_\_ C. Current total student loan debt \_\_\_\_\_

D. Any other financial aid or assistance \_\_\_\_\_

**3. APPLICANT FINANCIAL STATUS**

- A. Do you receive veteran benefits or income?  Yes  No
- B. Are you married?  Yes  No
- C. Are you separated?  Yes  No
- D. Do you have any legal dependents?  Yes  No
- E. Did you file a 2018 1040/1040A/1040EZ IRS tax form?  Yes  No

Please include your 2017 tax form(s) with this application and complete all the sections below that are applicable to you. If you did not and will not file a 2017 1040/1040A/1040EZ IRS tax form, please complete all the sections below that are applicable to you.

F. Did your parent(s)/guardian(s) file a 2018 1040/1040A/1040EZ IRS tax form?  Yes  No

If you answered "No" to questions A, B and C above, please include your parent(s)/guardian(s) 2018 tax forms with this application and complete all the sections below that are applicable to you and your parent(s)/guardian(s). If your parent(s)/guardian(s) did not, and will not file a 2018 1040/1040A/1040EZ IRS tax form, please complete all sections below that are applicable to you and your parent(s)/guardian(s).

**4. APPLICANT'S 2018 FINANCIAL CONDITION [Add spouse, if applicable]**

	Applicant	Spouse
A. Current hourly wage	_____	_____
B. Expected income for 2019	_____	_____
C. Months expected to work	_____	_____
D. Checking account balances	_____	_____
E. Money market balances, stocks, bonds, CDs or other investments	_____	_____
F. Savings account balances	_____	_____
G. Monthly rent payment	_____	_____
H. Do you own a home, or other real estate?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
I. If yes, current value?	_____	_____
J. Current mortgage balance	_____	_____
K. Monthly mortgage payment	_____	_____
L. Do you own a business (either in part or in full)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, please describe: _____		
M. Trust funds received or to be received	_____	_____
N. Retirement account balances	_____	_____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**INCOME [REFER TO YOUR 2018 IRS TAX FORM(S) WHERE APPLICABLE]**

2018 IRS Tax Form Filed	Single by Applicant	Single by Spouse	Jointly
A. 1040, total income, line 22	_____	_____	_____
B. 1040EZ, adjusted gross income, line 4	_____	_____	_____
C. 1040A, total income, line 15	_____	_____	_____

If you did not and will not file a 2018 IRS tax form(s), please fill out the following:

	Applicant	Spouse
A. 2018 earned income	_____	_____
B. 2018 untaxed income	_____	_____
C. 2018 interest/dividend income	_____	_____

**2018 UNTAXED INCOME AND BENEFITS**

	Single by Applicant	Single by Spouse
A. Social Security benefits	_____	_____
B. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	_____	_____
C. Aid to Families with Dependent Children	_____	_____
D. Child support received	_____	_____
E. Other public assistance	_____	_____
F. Other income*	_____	_____

\*Please explain other income: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPENDENTS/DEPENDENT CARE [Refer to your 2018 IRS tax form(s) where applicable]**

2018 IRS Tax Form Filed	Single by Applicant	Single by Spouse	Jointly
A. 1040 or 1040A, line 6d	_____	_____	_____
B. 1040 or 1040A, form 2441, part II, line 3	_____	_____	_____
C. The number of dependents you and your spouse (if applicable) have? _____			

**INCOME FROM ASSETS**

2018 IRS Tax Form Filed	Single by Applicant	Single by Spouse	Jointly
<b>1040 or 1040A:</b>			
A. Taxable interest income, line 8a	_____	_____	_____
B. Tax exempt interest, line 8b	_____	_____	_____
C. Dividends, line 9	_____	_____	_____
<b>1040 EZ:</b>			
D. Taxable interest income, line 2	_____	_____	_____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. FINANCIAL CONDITION OF PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) (Either or both parents/guardians as applicable)**

A. Will you be receiving any financial assistance from your parent(s)/guardian(s) for the 2018-2019 academic year?  Yes  No

If yes, please list the anticipated amount for the 2018-2019 academic year: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Checking/money market account balances: \_\_\_\_\_ C. Savings account balances: \_\_\_\_\_

D. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) occupations: \_\_\_\_\_

E. Do your parent(s)/guardian(s) own a home or real estate?  Yes  No

If yes, current value: \_\_\_\_\_ Current mortgage balance: \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly mortgage payment: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) INCOME (Refer to 2017 IRS Tax Form(s) as applicable)**

2018 IRS Tax Form Filed	Parent #1	Parent #2	Jointly
A. 1040, adjusted gross income, line 37	_____	_____	_____
B. 1040EZ, adjusted income, line 4	_____	_____	_____
C. 1040A, adjusted gross income, line 21	_____	_____	_____
D. If your parent(s)/guardian(s) did not and will not file a 2018 IRS tax form, please fill out the following:			
	Parent #1	Parent #2	
i. 2018 earned income	_____	_____	
ii. 2018 untaxed income	_____	_____	
iii. 2018 interest/dividend income	_____	_____	
iv. Other income*	_____	_____	

\*Please explain other income: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) EXEMPTIONS (Refer to your parent(s)/guardian(s) 2018 IRS tax form(s) as applicable.)**

2018 IRS Tax Form Filed	Parent #1	Parent #2	Jointly
A. 1040, line 6d	_____	_____	_____
B. 1040A, line 6d	_____	_____	_____

C. If your parent(s)/guardian(s) did not and will not file a 2018 IRS tax form(s), how many exemptions would they have claimed had they filed?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Your Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Untaxed Income and Benefits**

	Parent #1	Parent #2
A. Social Security benefits	_____	_____
B. Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)	_____	_____
C. Child support received	_____	_____
D. Other public assistance	_____	_____
E. Other income*	_____	_____

\*Please explain other income: \_\_\_\_\_



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### III. REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR APPLICATION TO BE REVIEWED

Please attach the following documents to this completed application. Your application will be incomplete and will not be considered if any of the following documents are not included.

1. **This completed application.** If incomplete, the application will be disqualified.
2. **Official transcript(s)** from all undergraduate and graduate schools (if applicable). No copies will be accepted. Transcripts may be sent directly to [yjackson@sfbbar.org](mailto:yjackson@sfbbar.org).
3. **A personal statement, up to 500 words**, stating obstacles you have overcome in pursuing your education and what qualities and talents you would bring to the legal profession. Please note: Due to the number of applications we receive, the review committee will not read statements beyond the 500 word limit.
4. **Statement of economic need (not to exceed 250 words)** stating your or your parents'/guardians' current financial situation and/ or your financial need.
5. **Copies of your 2018 IRS tax form(s) if you did or will file in 2018 IRS tax forms.** If you answered "no" to questions A, B, and C in the Financial Information section, under Applicant Financial Status, also include your parent(s)/guardian(s) 2017 IRS tax form(s) if they did or will file 2018 IRS tax forms.
6. **A copy of a letter or letters of admission from any of the six San Francisco Bay Area Law Schools** listed in question #8 on page one of the application.
7. **A copy of your current resume.**

Note: No other material, besides the above items, will be reviewed by the selection committee.

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I declare under the penalty of perjury that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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

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