



Dear Bay Area Minority Law Student Scholarship Applicant:

The Justice & Diversity Center (JDC) of the Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) would like to congratulate you on being accepted into law school! We are excited that you have decided to apply for this year's JDC Bay Area Minority Law Student Scholarship. We have been awarding these scholarships to law students for twenty-two years. We believe that this helps to ease a large barrier to success in law school — the financial barrier.

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

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-two years, we have awarded over 2 million dollars in scholarships to more than 100 students. We offer single-year and multiple-year scholarships that are generally \$10,000 per year. If you are selected as a recipient, you will be notified of the term and amount of your award.

We have had many great success stories of past recipients who became associates with many top law firms, public interest offices, corporations and government entities 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 U.S. Department of Justice. One recipient clerked for a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, another clerked for the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California and a recent recipient is a Fulbright Scholar. In 2018, we celebrated our first scholarship recipient to be named a California Superior Court judge.

This success would not be possible without the strong and generous support from the Bay Area legal community. Sponsors of the scholarship program, all with strong commitment to diversity in the legal profession, have included:

- Justice & Diversity Center
- San Francisco-Marin Lawyer Referral and Information Service
- 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
- Zelle
- Arthur and Charlotte Zitrin Foundation

We are very proud of and hope you will be the next successful candidate to thank one of these sponsors.

Very truly yours,

Yolanda M. Jackson, Executive Director  
Justice & Diversity Center

# Bay Area Minority Law Student Scholarship

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

## **Applicant Requirements:** Applicants must

- Be a student from a minority group that is underrepresented in San Francisco Bay Area law schools
- Because this is a need-based scholarship, provide compelling financial need
- Submit a completed application packet by the deadline
- Have received a “letter of admission” from one of the six law schools listed below
- Be entering or enrolled in law school for Fall 2020

## **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 resume
- Your official (sealed) transcript(s) from all undergraduate schools 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 2019 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 Bay Area:
  - University of California – Berkeley 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 Submission Requirements**

Complete application packets (as described above) must be received or postmarked by **April 17, 2020** at 5:00 pm or earlier to be considered. Applications submitted by email will not be accepted.

**Mail to:** 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 17, 2020, with final decisions made around June 2020**. Applications will only be reviewed once the packet is deemed complete. Any incomplete applications received or applications including a personal statement that 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 email Diversity Director, Samantha Akwei at sakwei@sfbbar.org

Bay Area Minority  
Law Student Scholarship  
**2020 Application**

**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 (be specific): \_\_\_\_\_

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ LSAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date exam taken: \_\_\_\_\_

**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/amount of time each year.                      Roles and Responsibilities

Organization	Years Involved/amount of time each year.	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/amount of time each year.                      Offices Held and Duration of Tenure

Organization	Years Involved/amount of time each year.	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

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	Relationship	Email and Phone

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

## II. FINANCIAL INFORMATION & Financial Education History

1. Please list the following information:

Upcoming loans in repayment	Current Student Loan Debt	Other financial aid or assistance

2. **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

Loans	Total Amount	Yearly Amount	Academic Year Received

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

A. Please list grants, loans and scholarships **promised** and **applied for**, for the next academic law school year.  
Please add attachments as needed.

Grant/Scholarship Name	Total Amount Awarded	Yearly Amount	Duration of Award: Ex. Yearly.

Loans	Total Amount	Yearly Amount	Duration of Loan:

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

**4. 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 2019 1040/1040A/1040EZ IRS tax form?  Yes  No

Please include your 2019 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 2019 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 2019 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) 2019 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 2019 1040/1040A/1040EZ IRS tax form, please complete all sections below that are applicable to you and your parent(s)/guardian(s).

**5. APPLICANT'S 2019 FINANCIAL CONDITION**

[Add spouse, if applicable]

- A. Current hourly wage
- B. Expected income for 2020
- C. Months expected to work
- D. Checking account balances

Applicant

Spouse

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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

- 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?  Yes  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)?  Yes  No
- M. Trust funds received or to be received
- N. Retirement account balances

_____	_____
_____	_____

Yes  No  
If yes, please describe:

**INCOME [REFER TO YOUR 2019 IRS TAX FORM(S) WHERE APPLICABLE]**

2019 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

Name:

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If you did not and will not file a 2019 IRS tax form(s), please fill out the following:

	Applicant	Spouse
A. 2019 earned income B. 2019 untaxed income C. 2019 interest/dividend income		
<b>2018 UNTAXED INCOME AND BENEFITS</b>	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:

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

2019 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**

2019 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. 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 2020-2021 academic year?

Yes  No If yes, please list the anticipated amount:

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)**

2019 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 2019 IRS tax form, please fill out the following:			
i. 2019 earned income	Parent #1	Parent #2	
ii. 2019 untaxed income			
iii. 2019 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.)**

2019 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 2019 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:



# 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@sfbar.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 2019 IRS tax form(s) if you did or will file in 2019 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) 2018 IRS tax form(s) if they did or will file 2019 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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## Application Packet Submission

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:

Scholarship applications will be reviewed starting **April 22, 2020 with final decisions made around June 2020.** Applications will be reviewed once received and packet is deemed complete. Scholarship funds will be disbursed only upon proof of enrollment and good standing in each applicable semester, and any other scholarship requirement that the Justice & Diversity Center (JDC) of The Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) deems appropriate. For multi-year scholarships, proof of enrollment and good standing for each semester of the scholarship term will be required as well as proof of financial need, among other scholarship requirements JDC and BASF deem appropriate.

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