



ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
of the Greater Bay Area

**2022 AABA Law Foundation and the Salle Yoo and Jeff Gray Charitable Foundation
Summer Grant/Scholarships**

The Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area (“AABA”) Law Foundation is offering two grants to help fund qualified summer law clerks to work on legal projects that provide free legal services to the Asian American community. Applicants must have a summer position with a non-profit legal organization or judicial officer or organization that has agreed to supervise the applicant for the summer of 2022. The grant will be funded by the **AABA Law Foundation and the Salle Yoo and Jeff Gray Charitable Foundation**.

Public Interest Grants/Scholarship

Interested applicants should meet the following three requirements:

1. Have a summer position with a non-profit legal service organization or public/government agency;
2. Will work on a project(s) that provides legal assistance to the Asian American community or other under-represented communities;
3. Commit to at least 10 weeks of work on the project(s) this summer, if practicable.

Note: There is a preference for applicants who intend to provide legal assistance in the Bay Area.

Judicial Externship Grant

1. Have a summer position for a judicial externship;
- 2.. Commit to at least 10 weeks of work on the project(s) this summer, if practicable.

Note: There is a preference for applicants who intend to provide legal assistance in the Bay Area.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

All current law students are eligible to apply, but preference is given to first and second-year law students at a San Francisco Bay Area school (Stanford University, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Hastings, University of San Francisco, Golden Gate University, Santa Clara University, or McGeorge School of Law).

AABA Summer Grant/Scholarship Application Submissions

1. Submit a personal statement, no more than 3 pages, that includes the following:

- (a) Your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address;
- (b) A description of the type of work that you will pursue under the grant;
- (c) A description of your qualifications;
- (d) The name of the non-profit legal service organization that you will be working with, including a reference contact and telephone number;
- (e) A description of any other grants, compensation, or financial aid you will receive for this summer's work; and

2. Submit an essay of no more than three pages, double-spaced, discussing any one or a combination of the following topics:

(a) What do you see as a pressing intersectional issue or concern facing both the Asian American community **and** another/other community/ies of color, and what role do you see yourself playing in advocating for or engaging in such an issue?

(b) In the past two years, there has been an unprecedented rise in anti-Asian violence in the United States. What concrete steps would you take to stop and/or reverse this trend?

(c) What has been your experience in overcoming economic or other discriminatory barriers, and what role do you see yourself playing in advocating for others faced with economic or other discriminatory barriers?

(d) Discuss the current civil rights issue affecting the Asian American community that is most important to you, and describe how you intend to address this issue during your career as an attorney. Explain your choice using concrete examples from your personal, professional, and/or educational background.

3. Submit a resume with the application.

The deadline to submit applications is **May 24, 2022**. Please email your application to aaba.bayarea@gmail.com.

Selection

After receipt of applications, the selection committee will convene and interview the top candidates in **on June 11, 2022 between 9am to noon** (the interviews to be held by video conference). AABA will award the summer grant at AABA's Annual Summer Reception, which is targeted to be held on either June 23 or 24 at the Harborview restaurant, Embarcadero Four, San Francisco,

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The AABA Law Foundation also strongly encourages all scholarship recipients:

- Become a Law Student Member of AABA; and
- Become a Lawyer Member of AABA upon graduation from law school.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Alternate Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Are you a member of AABA? Yes No

Law School: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

2022 Summer Public Interest or Judicial Externship Employment: _____

Are you the first person in your immediate family to attend law school in the United States?

Yes No

Law School GPA: _____

Law School Honors and Activities:

Undergraduate School: _____

Degree: _____

Major: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Undergraduate Honors and Activities:

Graduate School (if applicable): _____

Degree: _____

Major: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Languages Spoken: _____

Fluency: _____

Education Level of Father: _____

Occupation of Father: _____

Education Level of Mother: _____

Occupation of Mother: _____

Financial Aid Information:

Law School Financial Aid Information

Loans (Federal and Private): _____

Grants: _____

Scholarships: _____

Campus Job or Work/Study Earnings: _____

Total Law School Debt as of date of application: _____

Total Projected Law School Debt in Entirety: _____

Undergraduate Loan Debt: _____

Non-Law School Graduate Loan Debt (if applicable): _____

Optional Statement of Financial Circumstances:

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