2018 AABA Law Foundation Scholarships

The Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area (AABA) and the AABA Law Foundation are now accepting applications for the 2015 AABA Law Foundation law student scholarships. Applications are due on February 2, 2018, and scholarships will be awarded at the AABA Gala on March 22, 2018.

Scholarships

All applicants will be considered for one of the following scholarships. Last year, the AABA Law Foundation awarded four scholarships in the amount of $5,000. The amount of each scholarship this year will depend on the financial needs of the applicant pool, but we expect that they will be a minimum of $5,000 each.

Asian Pacific American Judges’ Scholarship

Each year, the Foundation awards the Asian Pacific American Judges’ Scholarship through contributions from Asian Pacific American judges.

Raymond L. Ocampo Jr. Family Scholarship

Each year, the Foundation awards the Raymond L. Ocampo Jr. Family Scholarship, in memory of Mr. Ocampo’s parents and in honor of immigrants like them, for the enormous sacrifices they made and the untold hardships they endured in search of a better life for their families.

Joe Morozumi Scholarship

Each year, the Foundation awards the Joe Morozumi Scholarship to a law student who has demonstrated a commitment to public interest law, especially low-income, direct legal services. Joe Morozumi was one of the first and finest Asian American trial lawyers in the Bay Area. Interned with his family during World War II, Joe Morozumi was fiercely committed to the fight for reparations, and he was also one of the earliest Asian American attorneys to represent political activists pro bono. Joe was an inspirational role model—he was a fearless, tireless, zealous advocate for justice for the poor and the powerless. Through the generosity of Michael G.W. Lee, Joan Haratani, Dale Minami, and other donors, the Foundation awards the Joe Morozumi Scholarship to honor his spirit, passion for justice, and his advocacy for the poor and the underrepresented.

AABA Law Foundation Scholarship

Each year, AABA raises money for the AABA Law Foundation, and awards the AABA Law Foundation Scholarship to a deserving law student.
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). Selection criteria include past, present and future community service or public interest work for the Asian Pacific American (APA) community or other underrepresented communities; demonstrated leadership in the APA community; demonstrated financial need; and past, present and future commitment to the Bay Area.

If selected as a finalist, the applicant must attend an in-person interview on Saturday, February 24, 2018 in San Francisco. The AABA Law Foundation also requires that all scholarship recipients:

- Attend the AABA Annual Dinner on Thursday, March 22, 2018 in San Francisco;
- Become a Law Student Member of AABA; and
- Become a Lawyer Member of AABA upon graduation from law school.

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2018 AABA Law Foundation Scholarships Application and Instructions

Name: _______________________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________

Phone Number: _____________________________

Alternate Phone Number: _____________________

Email: ___________________________________

Are you a member of AABA?  □ Yes  □ No

Law School: ___________________________________________________________________

Anticipated Graduation Date: ______________

2018 Summer Employment (if known): _____________________________________________________________________

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:
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Undergraduate School: __________________________________________________________

Degree: __________________________________________

Major: __________________________________________

Graduation Date: __________________________________

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Undergraduate Honors and Activities:

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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:

Non-Loans: ________________________________

Loans: ________________________________

Grants: ________________________________

Scholarships: ________________________________

Campus Job or Work/Study Earnings: __________

Federal Loans: ________________________________

Private Loans: ________________________________

Outstanding Student Loan Debt: ________________

Undergraduate: Graduate (if applicable): ________________

Total Law School Debt: ________________________________

Optional Statement of Financial Circumstances:
INSTRUCTIONS:

Please submit a completed Application Form, a resume, and a personal statement of no more than three pages, double-spaced, describing any one or combination of the following topics:

(1) Over the past few years, we have witnessed the rise of a number of Asian Americans to prominent leadership posts in and out of the law (i.e., Tani Cantil-Sakauye as the Chief Justice and Associate Justices Goodwin Liu and Ming Chin of the California Supreme Court, Judge Lucy Koh, US District Court Judge, David Chiu California State Assembly Member, etc.). What characteristics have made these leaders successful and how would you exhibit these same qualities;

(2) What do you see as a pressing issue or concern facing the Asian American community, and what role do you see yourself playing in advocating for or engaging in such an issue; and/or

(3) 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.

If you are not currently a law student at a San Francisco Bay Area law school (Stanford University, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Hastings, University of San Francisco, Golden Gate University, Santa Clara University, or McGeorge School of Law), please explain in a separate statement (no more than one page), your commitment to serving the Asian Pacific American community in the Bay Area.

Please submit all applications by **Friday, February 2, 2018** via e-mail to aaba.bayarea@gmail.com.

Finalists will be notified if they are selected for an interview by **Monday, February 19, 2018**.

Interviews will be held on **Saturday, February 24, 2018**. Location TBD – either Oakland or San Francisco. (Date may change to March 4, however.)

Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Asian American Bar Association Annual Dinner in San Francisco on **March 22, 2018**.