



ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION  
OF THE GREATER BAY AREA

## **2020 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 2020 AABA Law Foundation law student scholarships. **Applications are due on February 21, 2020**, and scholarships will be awarded at the AABA Annual Dinner on April 9, 2020.

### **Scholarships**

All applicants will be considered for one of the following scholarships. Last year, the AABA Law Foundation awarded four scholarships - each 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 \$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 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.

**Summer Scholarships:** The AABA Law Foundation, along with the Salle Yoo and Jeff Gray Charitable Foundation will also be awarding summer scholarship grants for 2020. The recipients must have secured a judicial, public interest or public service internship. A separate application will also be available online with a deadline sometime toward late March/early April.

## **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 interview on Saturday, March 28, 2020 in San Francisco. The AABA Law Foundation also requires that all scholarship recipients:

- Attend the AABA Annual VIP Reception (Dinner is optional) on Thursday, April 9, 2020 in San Francisco;
- Become a Law Student Member of AABA; and
- Become a Lawyer Member of AABA upon graduation from law school.

## **Key Dates**

February 21, 2020	Scholarship applications due
March 28, 2020	Interviews of finalists
April 9, 2020	Recipients recognized at the AABA Annual Gala VIP Reception (5pm – 6:30pm) in San Francisco



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## 2020 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: \_\_\_\_\_

2020 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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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Undergraduate School: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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:

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## 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 a 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) 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?

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 21, 2020** via e-mail to [aaba.bayarea@gmail.com](mailto:aaba.bayarea@gmail.com).

Finalists will be notified if they are selected for an interview by **Friday, March 20, 2020**.

Interviews will be held on **Saturday, March 28, 2020** in San Francisco.

Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Asian American Bar Association Annual Gala VIP Reception (5pm – 6:30pm) in San Francisco on **April 9, 2020**.

Attendance at the Dinner that same evening is optional.