



ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
of the Greater Bay Area

2020 AABA Law Foundation Summer Grant/Scholarships

The Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area (“AABA”) Law Foundation is offering one or more grants to help fund qualified summer law clerk(s) to work on legal projects that provide free legal services to the Asian American community. Applicants must be sponsored by a non-profit legal organization or judicial officer or organization that has agreed to supervise the applicant for the summer of 2020. The grant will be funded by the **AABA Law Foundation and the Salle Yoo and Jeff Gray Charitable Foundation.**

Grants/Scholarships

All applicants will be considered for one of the following grants/scholarships. Last year, the AABA Law Foundation awarded two summer grants/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 each will be \$5,000.

Public Interest Grants/Scholarships

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;
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 Application Submissions

1. Submit a 3-page maximum grant proposal that includes the following six items:
 - (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
 - (f) A short essay that addresses the following topic:

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.

2. Submit a resume with the application.

The deadline to submit applications is **April 30, 2020**. 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 **mid- or late-May** (the interviews to be held by video conference if shelter-in-place rules are still in effect). AABA will award the summer grant at AABA's Annual Summer Diversity Reception, which is usually held in mid-June, if that event occurs, or alternatively at the AABA dinner in the fall.

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.

The AABA Law Foundation also requires that all scholarship recipients:

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

Key Dates

April 30, 2020	Summer Grant/Scholarship applications due.
Mid, late May 2020	Interviews of finalists (by video conference if needed).
June 5, 2020	Recipient to be notified of scholarship.
Mid-June 2020	Recipients recognized at the AABA Summer Diversity Reception in San Francisco in mid-June, if that event occurs, or at the AABA dinner in the fall.



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2020 AABA Law Foundation Summer Grant and Scholarship 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 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:

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 Grant 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:

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

(e) A short essay that addresses the following topic:

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.

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 April 30, 2020** via e-mail to aaba.bayarea@gmail.com.

Finalists will be notified if they are selected for an interview.

Interviews will be held in **mid or late May 2020**. Location TBD (could be by video conference).

Grant/Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Asian American Bar Association Diversity Reception to be held in San Francisco sometime in **mid-June 2020**, if that event occurs, or at the AABA Dinner in the fall.