



March 6, 2008

Jesus G. Roman
President
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Dear Jesus:

The California Bar Foundation is excited to announce the launch of our new Diversity Scholarship. The Diversity Scholarship will award up to \$7,500 scholarships to newly admitted students to California law schools who are from racial or ethnic groups that are underrepresented in the legal profession, who have financial need, and who can demonstrate to making a positive impact in the community through leadership. To be eligible, newly admitted students must be enrolled at a California law school as a 1L in fall 2008 and attend the Foundation's Scholarship Reception on Thursday, September 25 at the Annual Meeting of the State Bar in Monterey, CA (a travel stipend will be provided to the winners). The application deadline is **Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.**

I would appreciate your assistance in letting newly admitted law students of color know about this scholarship opportunity. I have included a copy of the application and flyer. Students can also find information and a downloadable application on our website at www.calbarfoundation.org.

This year's top Diversity Scholarship winners will be named in honor of supporting law firms. We will acknowledge the support of these firms at our Scholarship Reception taking place on September 25 in Monterey, CA, where firm representatives will have the opportunity to award scholarship checks in person to their named scholar. If you know of any law firms that might be interested in supporting this scholarship opportunity, please have them contact me.

I can be reached at 415-856-0780, ext. 302, or at jgrove@calbarfoundation.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joilene Wood Grove".

Joilene Wood Grove
Program Director

encls: 2008 Diversity Scholarship Application and Flyer



2008 DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

Since 1991, the Foundation has awarded more than \$2 million through its scholarship programs. Launched for the first time in 2008, the Diversity Scholarship seeks to support newly admitted law students from groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession who have committed to attend a California law school. Candidates apply for the Scholarship at the beginning of the summer prior to commencing their law school studies. The Scholarship helps pay the costs of obtaining a law school education, including tuition, fees, books, and related education expenses. Awards of up to \$7,500 recognize incoming first year law students with financial need who demonstrate a desire to make a positive impact as a community leader.

The \$7,500 awards may be made in the name of a Diversity Scholarship Fund donor. All Diversity Scholarships are awarded in person at a reception held in conjunction with the State Bar of California's Annual meeting, scheduled to be held in 2008 on Thursday, September 25, in Monterey.

CRITERIA, INSTRUCTIONS & CONDITIONS

The Diversity Scholarship is awarded in the fall of 2008 for the 2008-2009 academic year. The 2008 Application Deadline is **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18, 2008.**

CRITERIA

1. Candidate must be:
 - Accepted and have committed to enroll in a California law school at the time of submitting a Diversity Scholarship Application; and
 - Be enrolled at that California law school in the 2008-2009 academic year.
2. Candidate must self-identify as being from a racial or ethnic group that historically has been underrepresented in the legal profession.
3. Candidate must demonstrate financial need.
4. Candidate must be committed to making an impact in the community through leadership.
5. Candidate must submit two current letters of recommendation (letters may be copies of letters submitted with Candidate's law school applications). Letters may be sent to the Foundation directly or provided with Candidate's Diversity Scholarship Application. If possible, at least one letter should address Candidate's leadership qualities and/or community involvement.
6. Candidates are not nominated by their law school and should send application materials directly to the Foundation by the Application Deadline.
7. Candidates from online law schools must be California residents.
8. Candidate must submit all documentation listed in the 2008 Diversity Scholarship Application Checklist.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. All portions of the Application must be received by the Foundation by **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18, 2008** (the "Application Deadline"). Attachments, letters of recommendation, and law school documents may be submitted separately, but must also be received by the Application Deadline.
2. Applications may be submitted by mail, delivery service, or fax to:
Diversity Scholarship Program
California Bar Foundation
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
Fax: (415) 856-0788
3. Applications postmarked by the Application Deadline but not received in full by the Application Deadline will not be accepted.
4. All documents submitted in association with Candidate's Application for the Diversity Scholarship, including letters of recommendation, should include the name of Candidate on the upper right-hand corner of each page.
5. See the Application Checklist for a complete list of required documentation that must be submitted.

CONDITIONS

1. Diversity Scholarship Recipients must:
 - Attend a reception and luncheon in their honor, which is currently scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2008, in Monterey and held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the State Bar of California. The Foundation will provide stipends to help cover the travel costs of attending this event. *Failure to attend may result in forfeiture of Recipient's Diversity Scholarship, without notice.*
 - Provide the Foundation, in a timely fashion, contact information for every date between the Application Deadline and the date of the Scholarship Reception and Luncheon. *Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of Recipient's Diversity Scholarship, without notice.*
 - Report back to the Foundation on the progress of their legal education at the end of their first year of law school.
2. Diversity Scholarship Recipients will be requested to provide a recent digital photograph of themselves upon receiving notification of their award. *Please do not send photos with Application.*
3. The Foundation reserves the right to use information from Applications and letters of recommendation as part of its publicity of Diversity Scholarship Recipients.
4. Diversity Scholarship Award Recipients receiving named scholarships may be asked to contact donors supporting their scholarships.



2008 DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Provide answers to questions on this Application. If feasible, all requested documents on the Checklist should be attached to this Application and returned by mail, delivery service, or fax. All requested material must be received by the Foundation no later than **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18, 2008**. Please read the Criteria, Instructions, and Conditions for the Diversity Scholarship Application for more information.

Name of Candidate*:	_____
School Address:	_____
City:	_____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Current Phone:	_____
Cell Phone:	_____
Email:	_____
Permanent Address:	_____
City:	_____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Permanent Phone:	_____
Race or Ethnicity:	_____
Gender:	_____

Law School Committed to Attend in Fall 2008: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Possible Plans After Law School: _____

Undergraduate Institution: _____

Undergraduate Major and Degree(s) held: _____

Undergraduate GPA: _____

Other Graduate Degrees (if any): _____

All of the information provided to the Foundation in my Diversity Scholarship Application and in connection with my admission to, and enrollment in, law school is true, correct, and complete, and there are no material omissions from either application.

Candidate Signature

Candidate Name

Date

* Please print your name as you would wish it to appear in the Foundation's printed materials should you be selected as a scholarship recipient.

CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION FORM

CERTIFICATION OF NON-RELATIONSHIP

I certify that I am not related to any member of the Board of Directors, officer, or employee of the California Bar Foundation or to any member of the Board of Governors, officer, or employee of the State Bar of California. I understand that, if I am disqualified for misrepresenting my relationship with any of the aforementioned or for any other reason, I will not be eligible to receive any scholarship from the Foundation.

Candidate Signature

_____, 2008
Date

AUTHORIZATION TO USE INFORMATION, NAME, AND LIKENESS

I understand that the Foundation requires the right to use my name and likeness, as well as information from my Scholarship Application, personal statement, and letters of recommendation as part of its publicity about the Foundation, the Diversity Scholarship Program (and Recipients), and fundraising for the Foundation and its programs. I hereby authorize the Foundation to so use my name and likeness, as well as information from my Scholarship Application, personal statement, and letters of recommendation, in its discretion.

Candidate Signature

_____, 2008
Date

CONSENT AND AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN INFORMATION

I acknowledge and represent to the Foundation that I have read the Criteria, Instructions, and Conditions for the Diversity Scholarship, the Application, and related materials. I hereby consent to and authorize the Foundation to request and obtain information relevant to my Scholarship Application. I waive my right to privacy of this information to the extent of this Consent and Authorization. I release and hold harmless the Foundation and my law school from any claims, damages, or liability whatsoever as a result of the disclosure to or use by the Foundation of any such information. I also acknowledge and agree that, if any information contained in my Scholarship Application is not true, complete, and accurate, or if material information has been omitted, I could be disqualified from receiving, and/or forfeit, any Scholarship Award(s) from the Foundation. I further agree and acknowledge that all decisions by the Foundation to award the Diversity Scholarships are made in the sole discretion of the Foundation, and all decisions are final.

Candidate Signature

_____, 2008
Date

NOTE: Candidates who submit Scholarship Applications without signing and dating the above (1) Certification of Non-Relationship, (2) Authorization to Use Information, Name, and Likeness, and (3) Consent and Authorization to Obtain Information will be disqualified from consideration for the Diversity Scholarship.



2008 DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please include all documents. Failure to provide any of the documents listed below may result in your disqualification.

Complete, Sign, and Date the Following Documents Contained in the Application Packet:

- ✓ **Application**
- ✓ **Certification and Authorization Form**, which includes:
 - Certification of Non-Relationship
 - Authorization to Use Information, Name, and Likeness
 - Consent and Authorization to Obtain Information

Provide the Following Additional Documents:

- ✓ **Evidence of Acceptance to Law School** – Provide a copy of the acceptance letter from the law school where Candidate is committed to enroll in fall 2008.
- ✓ **Evidence of Commitment to Enroll in Law School** – Provide a copy of documentation from the law school evidencing Candidate's commitment to enroll in fall 2008.
- ✓ **Resume** – Submit a resume documenting education and significant extracurricular activities since high school.
- ✓ **Personal Statement** – One-page statement, between 250-400 words, describing Candidate's commitment to serving the community, and, if applicable, any significant obstacles or hurdles overcome to attend law school.
- ✓ **Letters of Recommendation** – Two current letters of recommendation (letters may be copies of letters submitted with Candidate's law school applications). Letters may be sent to the Foundation directly or provided as copies with Candidate's Diversity Scholarship Application. If possible, at least one letter should address Candidate's leadership qualities and/or community involvement.
- ✓ **Undergraduate Transcript** – Copy of Candidate's final undergraduate transcript, and if final transcript is not yet available, provide the most recent copy (include 2.5 equivalency for those schools that do not use a 4.0 scale).
- ✓ **Evidence of Financial Need** – Copy of financial aid eligibility letter received from the law school where Candidate will enroll in fall 2008.
- ✓ **Optional Statement of Financial Circumstances** – Candidate may choose to submit an additional, optional statement of up to 50 words describing any financial circumstances that Candidate believes may be relevant in determining Candidate's financial need (for example, if Candidate worked to pay for most or all undergraduate costs), and describing if Candidate has any loans outstanding from undergraduate or other graduate institutions, to the extent this information is not provided in the Evidence of Financial Need.

Note: Candidate's name must appear in the upper right-hand corner of each page of every document submitted with your Application, including letters of recommendation.

The Foundation must receive all documents by **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18, 2008**, at:

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California Bar Foundation
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-1639
Fax: (415) 856-0788



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All Diversity Scholarships are awarded in person at a reception held in conjunction with the State Bar of California's Annual meeting, scheduled to be held in 2008 on Thursday, September 25, in Monterey.

Please apply if you meet the following qualifications:

- ✓ You have been accepted and have committed to enroll in a California law school for fall 2008
- ✓ You will be enrolled at that California law school in the 2008-2009 academic year
- ✓ You self-identify as being from a racial or ethnic group that is underrepresented in the legal profession
- ✓ You are able to demonstrate financial need
- ✓ You are committed to making an impact in the community through leadership

For complete application materials that set forth additional criteria, please visit our website at www.calbarfoundation.org or call 415-856-0780.

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**4:30 p.m. on
Wednesday, June 18, 2008**