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SAN DIEGO LA RAZA LAWYERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2014 BAR STIPEND AWARD PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS & APPLICATION

San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association Scholarship Fund (the Scholarship Fund) proudly announces the fourth year of its Bar Stipend Scholarship Program! Bar stipends are awarded to law students in their final year of study to assist with bar examination related expenses. In awarding bar stipends, the Scholarship Fund will consider the applicant's academic achievement, financial need, community service, leadership experience and any hardship experienced in pursuing an education. Stipends typically range from \$500 to \$1,500. Bar stipend recipients will be honored at an event on May 22, 2014. Please mark your calendars to attend an evening reception. All law students will be welcome.

ELIGIBILITY:

- 1) Third or fourth year law students enrolled in an ABA accredited law school in San Diego County; or a law student currently enrolled in an ABA accredited law school with ties to San Diego or Imperial Counties.
- 2) Of Latino heritage; and/or with significant contributions to the Latino community.
- 3) Students who will sit for the July 2014 or February 2015 California Bar Examination.

Bar stipend recipients will be notified in mid-May 2014. Awards will be sent to students upon satisfactory proof of: 1) registration for the July 2014 or February 2015 California Bar Examination; and/or 2) enrollment in a bar review course.

Applications will be considered timely and reviewed only if submitted electronically to: **sdlrlafund@gmail.com** or hand-delivered to: **Nadia Bermudez, 625 Broadway Suite 1400, San Diego, CA 92101** no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 2, 2014.** In order to be considered for a stipend, you must submit all of the following:

- 1) Law school transcript;
- 2) Completed application;
- 3) Résumé, that includes: i) graduate and under-graduate institution(s) attended; ii) any activities and community involvement, including leadership positions held; iii) any honors; and iv) any employment history;
- 4) Personal Statement;
- 5) Certification signature;
- 6) Commitment signature;
- 7) If available, proof of: i) registration for the California Bar Examination; or ii) enrollment in a bar review course.

**SAN DIEGO LA RAZA LAWYERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND
2014 BAR STIPEND AWARD PROGRAM APPLICATION**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. NAME:
2. PERMANENT ADDRESS:
3. CURRENT ADDRESS (if different):
Send mail to (check one): Permanent address: _____ Current Address: _____
4. EMAIL ADDRESS:
5. TELEPHONE NUMBER(S):
6. IDENTIFY YOUR HERITAGE AND/OR CONTRIBUTIONS TO LATINO COMMUNITY:

7. LAW SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING:
8. YEAR IN LAW SCHOOL:
Full-time _____ Part-time _____ Year of original enrollment _____
Expected Date of Graduation: Month/Year _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

9. Have you applied for financial aid for the current school year? Yes _____ No _____
10. How have you financed your law school education? Please indicate percentage:
_____%: Loans
_____%: Scholarships
_____%: Grants
_____%: Self-employment
_____%: Parental/family assistance
_____%: Spousal assistance
_____%: Military/Government - (What percentage must you pay back, if any? _____)
_____%: Other _____
11. How much do you expect to owe in loans or other repayable commitments upon completion of your law school education?

12. (a) Have you previously applied for a SDLRLA Fund Scholarship? If so, when?
(b) Did you receive the scholarship? Please provide details as to date and amount:
13. Are you currently employed? Yes _____ No _____; Employer name, address and telephone number:
Position/duties:
- Hours/week: _____ Monthly income: _____
14. Do you have an offer of employment following your completion of law school? _____. If yes, please state the name of your future employer and your anticipated monthly salary:
15. Do you anticipate having any other source of financial support while studying for the bar examination? Will the costs of your bar study program be defrayed by any other source? If yes to either question, please describe:
16. What is your marital status? Single _____ Married _____ Civil Union _____ Separated _____; Spouse/partner's occupation: _____; Spouse/partner's annual income: _____.
17. Do you have dependent children? Yes _____ No _____. If yes, how many? _____ Ages _____.
18. Do you have any other sources of income or assets? Yes _____ No _____. If so, please explain:

BAR EXAMINATION PREPARATION

19. Have you registered to take the July 2014 or February 2015 California Bar Examination? If so, please specify which one:
20. Have you signed up for a bar review course? If so, which one? _____. How much have you paid or committed to pay for the course and when is it due? \$_____.
21. Have you completed your moral character application? If so, when did you submit the moral character application?

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please tell the Scholarship Fund about yourself and your career goals. Your statement should not exceed 400 words. It must be typed and submitted with this application.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above information and all documents attached hereto are true and accurate. I also agree that if I am awarded a stipend, the Scholarship Fund may use my name, image and background information for purposes of promoting the activities of the Scholarship Fund.

Signature

Date

COMMITMENT

I recognize that financial resources to assist students attending law school are limited. THEREFORE, I AGREE that, when I become financially able, I will make a good faith effort to support the goals of the San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association Scholarship Fund by making contribution(s) to help ease the financial burden of future Latino law students.

Signature

Date

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information or questions, please contact Nadia Bermudez at nbermudez@ghsblaw.com or (619) 564-8401.

CHECKLIST: ARE THESE ITEMS ATTACHED/INCLUDED?

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- ☐ Résumé
- ☐ Personal Statement
- ☐ Certification signature
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REMINDER: Applications must be received on or before Friday, May 2, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Good luck!