



NEVADA LATINO BAR ASSOCIATION

Bar Exam Preparation Scholarship 2023

Our Mission and Goals

The Nevada Latino Bar Association (formerly the Las Vegas Latino Bar Association) (the “LBA”) was founded in 1995 as a network of predominantly Latino attorneys and judges in Southern Nevada. The purpose of the LBA is to serve the public interest by cultivating the science of jurisprudence, promoting reform in the law, facilitating the administration of justice, advancing the standing of Latinos in the legal profession, preserving the high standards of professionalism among Latino attorneys, and cooperating with other professional and community organizations in furthering the aforementioned purposes. While Latinos comprise approximately 18% of the population, they make up less than 5% of attorneys. *Source:* Hispanic National Bar Association statistic. Inherent in the LBA’s mission is to help equalize Latino representation in the legal profession.

Our Commitment to Diversity in the Legal Profession

The creation of the Bar Exam Preparation Scholarship program is the next step in strengthening the LBA’s commitment to diversifying the legal profession. In 2019, the LBA founded the ¡Andale! 5k Run/Walk. The funds raised from the 5k fund the ¡Andale! Scholarship, which helps recipients pay for LSAT preparation courses and related LSAT fees. Those costs and fees are often an obstacle for many aspiring attorneys wishing to go to law school. In 2022, the ¡Andale! 5k raised over \$85,000 which allowed us to fund 25 LSAT scholarships for future Latino lawyers.

Our newly created Bar Exam Preparation Scholarship program is the next step in helping Latinos achieve their goal of becoming attorneys. Thanks to the State Bar of Nevada, we are excited to offer scholarship opportunities (up to \$1,000) that can be used to help Latinos study for the bar exam.

Scholarship Objectives

By helping provide additional study materials, this scholarship aims to help individuals from traditionally under-represented backgrounds in the profession take the bar exam feeling better equipped to tackle the substantive and emotional challenges the exam can present. The LBA has pre-arranged for scholarship awardees to utilize a personal tutor. Funds cannot be used to pay for or supplemental other bar exams study programs.

Eligibility and Scholarship Criteria

Graduates from the William S. Boyd School of Law or repeat bar examinees who are preparing for the Nevada July 2023 Bar Exam are eligible for this scholarship. Selection criteria include but are not limited to academic achievement, financial need, involvement in community/extracurricular activities including student organizations and affinity groups, and leadership experience.

TO APPLY:

Email a completed application with “Application for Bar Exam Prep Scholarship” in the subject line to:

LBANevada@gmail.com

APPLICATIONS MUST BE EMAILED NO LATER THAN 11:59PM PST on **May 5, 2023**. *Incomplete applications and/or applications emailed after the deadline will not be considered.*

Scholarships will be announced to recipients via email on no later than May 15, 2023.



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

NAME: _____ AGE: _____ MAILING ADDRESS:

CITY: _____
STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS:

II. LAW SCHOOL INFORMATION

LAW SCHOOL NAME: _____ GPA (cumulative): _____
CLASS RANK (if available): _____ EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE or DATE OF GRADUATION: _____

III. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION AND MILITARY EXPERIENCE

Please provide an employment record for the past two years (or attach a résumé[preferred]):

Employer	City, State	Dates Employed

IV. BAR EXAM PREPARATION COURSE INFORMATION

Scholarship winners must utilize the study program selected by the LBA and agree to follow any specific requirements from the study program. The LBA has pre-arranged for scholarship awardees to utilize a personal tutor. Funds cannot be used to pay for or supplemental other bar exams study programs.



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HAVE YOU ALREADY COMMITTED TO TAKING A BAR EXAM PREP COURSE WITH A PARTICULAR COMPANY? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes: With which company? _____

What was the price of your course with that company? _____

WHICH BAR HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TAKEN A BAR EXAM? _____ (insert name of the State(s)). HAVE YOU PASSED ANY BAR EXAMS? ____ (yes/no) . HAVE YOU FAILED ANY BAR EXAMS? ____ (yes/no). IF YES, WHICH STATE(2) AND HOW MANY TIMES? _____
FOR THE EXAM(S) WHERE YOU DID NOT PASS, WHICH PROGRAM(S) DID YOU USE TO STUDY? _____

V. REQUIRED INFORMATION AND ESSAY

Please attach: (1) a résumé; (2) law school transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable); (3) the attached financial statement itemizing your current income sources, including any financial assistance and scholarships as well as expenses; and (4) a **one-page**, double spaced, 12-point font typewritten essay discussing (a) why you believe it is important for the legal profession to have lawyers from groups traditionally under-represented in the practice of law, and (b) how your receipt of this scholarship will align with the LBA's commitment to diversifying the legal profession.

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT: I have reviewed the information listed in this application for omission and errors. To the best of my knowledge, the information is complete and accurate as reported. Further, I understand that if I receive a scholarship, I will be required to complete a survey about the use of the funds and the application process. I also agree to follow any specific requirements from the study program.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Confidential Applicant Financial Statement

Name: _____ Law School: _____

Exp. Graduation Year: _____ INCOME (April 30, 2022-April 30, 2023) TOTAL (\$)

Job/Internship	
Scholarships	
Grants	
Personal Loans	
Other	
TOTAL (\$)	

EXPENSES (April 30, 2022-April 30, 2023) TOTAL (\$)

Tuition/Books/Fees	
Living Expenses (Rent, Utilities, Food, Car, Childcare, etc.)	
Credit Cards	
Student Loan Payments	
Extraordinary Expenses	
Other	
TOTAL (\$)	

TOTAL INCOME \$ _____
 (minus)
 TOTAL EXPENSES \$ _____
 AVAILABLE RESOURCES \$ _____