NEVADA LATINO BAR ASSOCIATION

Bar Exam Preparation Scholarship Summer 2026

Our Mission and Goals

The Nevada Latino Bar Association (the "NVLBA") was founded in 1995 as a network of predominantly Latino attorneys and judges in Southern Nevada. The purpose of the NVLBA 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 NVLBA's commitment to diversifying the legal profession. In 2019, the NVLBA 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. Since its inception, the ¡Andale! 5k has raised over $600,000, which allowed us to fund over 250 LSAT scholarships for future Latino lawyers.

The 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 that can be used to help Latinos offset the costs of studying and preparing for the bar exam.

Scholarship Objectives

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 scholarship **must** be used for bar related expenses such a preparation course, or a private tutor*.

Eligibility and Scholarship Criteria

Recent graduates or repeat bar examinees who have registered and are taking the Nevada July 2026 Bar Exam are eligible for this scholarship. Attorneys barred in other jurisdictions are not eligible. 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. <u>An explanation for how the funds will be utilized is required</u>.

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TO APPLY:

Email a completed application with "Application for Bar Exam Prep Scholarship" in the subject line to: LBANevada@gmail.com.

Required Application Material: (1) this application; (2) a résumé; (3) law school transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable); and (4) a one-page, double spaced, 12-point font typewritten essay discussing your commitment to diversifying the legal profession including but not limited to your future (or current) involvement with the Nevada Latino Bar Association, other affinity bar organizations, and/or diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE EMAILED NO LATER THAN 11:59PM PST on May 23, 2026.
Incomplete applications and/or applications emailed after the deadline will not be considered.
Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than June 30, 2026.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Age: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

II. BAR EXAMINATION HISTORY

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? _____

Will you be employed while you are studying for the bar exam? _____

Have you previously taken a bar exam? Yes _____ No_____

If yes, in which states have you taken the bar exam? _____

Have you applied to any similar bar prep scholarships? _____

If yes, please list: Organization/Amount Awarded/Status (pending/awarded/denied)

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If you have passed a bar exam, please list the jurisdictions in which you are barred:

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Have you failed any bar exams? _____

If yes, how many states and how many times?_____

For the exams where you did not pass, which program(s) did you use to study?

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III. HOW WILL FUNDS BE USED?

Estimated Bar prep expenses:

Bar Exam Registration Fee $_____

Bar preparation course $_____

Tutoring $_____

Study materials $_____

Other $_____

Below please provide an explanation of how the funds will be utilized to offset the costs of your bar exam preparation and how this scholarship will impact your ability to prepare for the bar exam.

Additionally, please include information regarding your current financial need. Ex. Expected bar prep expenses, whether you will be working during bar prep and why, any financial responsibilities, support for dependents or family members, educational debt, barriers to accessing commercial prep courses.

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I certify that any funds awarded will be used solely for bar examination preparation expenses, consistent with scholarship requirements.

Name: _____Signature: _____

Date: _____