

NEVADA LATINO BAR ASSOCIATION

Bar Exam Preparation Scholarship 2025



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. Since its inception, the ¡Andale! 5k raised over \$500,000, which allowed us to fund over 200 LSAT scholarships for future Latino lawyers, with more to be awarded this spring.

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 (up to \$750.00) 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 can be used for the bar exam fees, a preparation course, a private tutor, and/or living expenses.

Eligibility and Scholarship Criteria

Recent graduates or repeat bar examinees who are preparing for the Nevada July 2025 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. An explanation for how the funds will be utilized is required.

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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, 2025**. *Incomplete applications and/or applications emailed after the deadline will not be considered.*

Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than June 30, 2025.

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? _____

Have you previously taken a bar exam? Yes _____ No _____

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

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

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?

III. HOW WILL FUNDS BE USED?

Please provide an explanation of how the funds will be utilized to offset the costs of your bar exam preparation. Include information regarding any relevant financial information that you believe the LBA should take into consideration.
