



**HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA LEGAL EDUCATION FUND
2018 – 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTION

PURPOSE:

The Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania Legal Education Fund (“HBALEF”) was created for the sole purpose of awarding scholarships to law students of Hispanic heritage attending law schools located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Delaware Valley to assist them with their financial obligations while in law school.

ELIGIBILITY/CRITERIA:

HBALEF scholarships are available on a competitive basis to students of diverse backgrounds. To be eligible, the applicant must be enrolled at an accredited law school located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Delaware Valley during the fall of 2018 and the spring of 2019. Application for or receipt of a scholarship in a prior year will not disqualify an applicant in the current year. Although not a condition for a scholarship award, successful applicants are encouraged to contribute to the HBALEF after completing law school and securing employment.

AWARD AMOUNTS/ADMISSION TO SCHOLARSHIP DINNER:

In the past, each scholarship has been for approximately three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00). However, that amount is subject to change.

Each student applicant will receive one free ticket for admission to the 29th Annual LEF Gala, which will be held on October 17, 2018, at The Down Town Club in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Scholarship recipients will receive two free tickets for admission to the LEF Gala.

APPLICATION PERIOD AND DEADLINE:

All applications, with attachments, must be submitted electronically via email to PAHBANEWS@GMAIL.COM on or before 11:59 PM, Sunday, September 23, 2018, to ensure consideration. No late or incomplete applications will be accepted or considered.

Please note all students are required to submit a photograph of themselves (in color), approximately 3 inches by 5 inches, with their application materials. The photograph should be portrait style (headshots only). Photographs of the selected scholarship recipients will be published in the program book for the LEF Gala.



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SELECTION:

Scholarship applications will be reviewed based on a number of objective criteria, which include, but are not limited to, demonstrated financial need, the applicant's background and personal/professional/academic achievements as stated in their personal statement, civic participation in activities on behalf of the Latino community, membership and/or participation in the HBAPA, law school academic transcript and class rank. For those students who have not yet completed a semester (or term) of law school, their cumulative undergraduate grade point average will be considered. If necessary, you may provide the Scholarship Selection Committee a supplemental narrative in connection with your transcript. We encourage law students to be honest and forthcoming in their personal statements in that regard.



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Please read all information and instructions before completing this application. Responses to all items should be typed or printed clearly. **All applications MUST be emailed to PAHBANEWS@GMAIL.COM on or before 11:59 PM, Sunday, September 23, 2018.**

1. Name: _____
2. Current Address: _____

3. Permanent Address: _____

4. Day/work Telephone: () _____

Evening/home Telephone: () _____

E-mail address: _____
5. Date of Birth: _____
6. Place of Birth: _____
7. Name of Law School: _____
8. Anticipated Graduation Date: _____
9. Attach a one (1) to three (3) page, double-spaced Personal Statement in which you address each of the following areas:
 - a. **Background:** Tell us about yourself and how your Hispanic heritage played a role in informing your decision to go to law school.
 - b. **Achievements:** We want to hear about your accomplishments! Please tell us about your achievements in school, work or your personal life. Include examples that illustrate your leadership, creativity and initiative.



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- c. **Career Goals:** Where do you see yourself in five years? What do you hope to accomplish in your professional career in the short and long term?
- d. **Geography:** Where will you consider practicing?
- e. **Financial need:** How will this scholarship assist your current financial situation?
- f. **Civic Involvement:** Discuss your involvement, if any, in community activities/outreach, civic engagement and/or grassroots activities.
- g. **Academic Involvement:** Discuss your involvement, if any, in law school organizations and/or activities. Do you or have you held any leadership positions and/or contributed to the governance of any law school organizations?
- h. **Other:** Provide any other information you would like the Scholarship Selection Committee to consider in its evaluation of your application.

The Personal Statement is an **important and mandatory part** of this application. Accordingly, it should be addressed solely to the HBALEF Scholarship Selection Committee. Personal Statements addressed to other institutions or selection committees will not be accepted.

- 10. Submit a current resume. Please include in your resume not only work and internship experience, but leadership positions and community involvement.
- 11. If you are not a first year student, submit an official copy of your law school transcript. First year students must submit a letter from the Registrar, or other documentation, confirming enrollment for the 2018–2019 academic year.
- 12. Submit a copy of the application for financial aid that you supplied to your law school for the 2018–2019 academic year. In addition, please submit a copy of your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form or CSS/Financial Aid Profile form for the 2018–2019 year.
- 13. Complete and submit the attached Statement of Income and Expenses for the 2018–2019 academic year.
- 14. Submit a portrait style (headshot only) color photograph of yourself. It should measure approximately 3 inches x 5 inches.

Note: Failure to submit ALL documents and materials identified above will result in the rejection of the student's application from consideration.



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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

Do you have any dependents? _____ If yes, specify age and relationship to you.

Age __ Relationship _____ Age __ Relationship _____
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Can any other individual claim you as a dependent? _____ If yes, specify relationship: _____

Parent name and occupation _____

Parent name and occupation _____

How many of the persons in your household, excluding you, are enrolled in college, graduate school, or professional school? What is their relationship to you? _____

<u>Estimated</u>		<u>Estimated Income:</u>	
Tuition:	\$ _____	Earnings of Applicant:	\$ _____
Books and Supplies:	\$ _____	Earnings of Spouse or Domestic Partner:	\$ _____
Room and Board:	\$ _____	Parent's Contribution:	\$ _____
Transportation:	\$ _____	Savings:	\$ _____
Medical Costs:	\$ _____	Scholarships:	\$ _____
Child Support:	\$ _____	Child Support:	\$ _____
Alimony:	\$ _____	Fellowships:	\$ _____
		Grants:	\$ _____
		Veteran's Benefits:	\$ _____
		Student Loans:	\$ _____
		Alimony:	\$ _____
		Veteran's Benefits:	\$ _____
Total estimated expenses for the 2018-2019 academic year	\$ _____	Total estimated income for the 2018-2019 academic year	\$ _____



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CERTIFICATION

I certify that all the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I will be enrolled as a full-time or part-time law student at an accredited law school in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or Delaware Valley for the 2018 – 2019 academic year and, if selected, will use the HBALEF scholarship funds toward expenses related to my law school attendance. I further give permission to the HBALEF to share information contained in this application for the purpose of public relations.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____