HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

YEAR 2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
INSTRUCTIONS, GUIDELINES AND RULES

Due Date: Monday, April 7, 2017
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

March 3, 2017

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in a scholarship from the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey ("HBA-NJ"). The HBA-NJ is committed to the advancement and progress of Hispanic Americans in the legal profession.

It is important that, before you complete and submit this application, you read the Scholarship Guidelines and Rules annexed to this application and incorporated herein by reference. All scholarships shall be subject to said guidelines. This application and all supporting documentation must be received no later than April 7, 2017. The application will not be considered complete until all application materials are received. All applications should be electronically mailed to the Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs Ricardo Solano Jr and Robert Lamilla at rsolano@klaw.com and rglamilla@gmail.com, respectively. Applicants may be required to attend an in-person or telephone interview with members of the HBA-NJ Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship recipients will be notified of their selection on or around May 1, 2017. The HBA-NJ will award the scholarships at its Annual Scholarship Gala to be held on May 20, 2017, at the Park Chateau, East Brunswick, New Jersey. Additional details about the Gala will be provided at a later date. Should you be selected to receive a scholarship, you will also receive one (1) complimentary ticket for your admission to the Scholarship Gala.*

Thank you for your application. Please answer all questions completely and in legible handwriting or typed. The HBA-NJ wishes you success in your legal career.

Sincerely,

Ricardo Solano Jr.  
2017 Scholarship Committee Co-Chair

Robert Lamilla  
2017 Scholarship Committee Co-Chair

*Please note that the scholarships may take several months before they are delivered to the recipient.
SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND RULES

1. Eligibility
The law students who will be eligible to receive a scholarship from the HBA-NJ are those Hispanic Americans (at least one parent must be of Hispanic descent) who are or have been residents of the State of New Jersey and who are currently enrolled and attending an American Bar Association approved law school in the United States.

2. Selection
The selection of the scholarship recipients will be conducted by a Scholarship Committee which will consist of officers, trustees or members of the HBA-NJ.

3. Selection Criteria
The following is the criteria considered for the award of a scholarship by the HBA-NJ:

   A. All grants/scholarships will be limited to students who are attending ABA approved schools, which qualify as “educational institutions” as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

   B. The applicant must provide the HBA-NJ with a certified law school transcript and a letter from the law school stating that he/she is a student in good standing.

   C. The applicant must be or have been a resident of the State of New Jersey.

   D. The applicant must demonstrate financial need. “Financial Need” is determined by examining and reviewing financial data and family background (such as true copies of the applicant’s federal and state tax returns) sufficient to show that the applicant is financially underprivileged and in need of financial assistance to pay for his/her law school education.

   E. The Scholarship application must also include a brief biography and high resolution photograph. Award recipients will have their biography and high resolution photograph featured in the event’s program.

   F. Applicants may be required to attend an interview (in-person or telephonic) with members of the HBA-NJ scholarship committee.

   G. Scholarship applications and all supporting documentation required by these guidelines must be received by April 7, 2017. Failure to provide required information or documents will render your application incomplete. Should there be a reason an item is missing, make sure to fully explain the reasons within your application. The HBA-NJ will award scholarships at the Scholarship Gala to be held on May 20, 2017, Park
Chateau, East Brunswick, New Jersey. The selected applicants will be notified on or around May 1, 2017.

H. Scholarship recipients shall be entitled to one (1) complimentary ticket to the Scholarship Gala in which a ceremony shall be held awarding the scholarship. It is a condition of the scholarship award that scholarship recipients attend the Scholarship Gala. Waivers of this requirement must be approved by the Scholarship Committee.

4. **Nature of Scholarships**
The HBA-NJ will only provide grants or scholarships, not loans.

5. **Certification Regarding Use**
In order to ensure that all scholarship funds are used for the stated purposes, the HBA-NJ will require a certification from the recipient stating that the monies will exclusively be used for educational purposes such as: payment of tuition and/or fees, purchase of books and school supplies, and bar exam preparation fees. The HBA-NJ will require that the student provide the HBA-NJ with adequate proof (in the form of canceled checks, receipts, etc.) that the funds were indeed used for educational purposes.

6. **Misuse of Funds**
If misuse of scholarship funds is discovered, the HBA-NJ will request the student repay the monies immediately or under a restitution agreement. If the student fails to immediately repay the monies or defaults under the restitution agreement, the HBA-NJ will pursue its contractual and other legal remedies against the student.

7. **Disbursement of Scholarship**
The scholarship will be granted directly to the student, unless the student requests that payment be made to his/her law school directly.

8. **Promotional Materials**
The student receiving a scholarship from the HBA-NJ agrees that by receiving scholarship monies, any photographs taken of him/her at the Scholarship Gala might be used by the HBA-NJ on its website, newsletter or any other promotional materials for the purpose of showing the general public and sponsors that a scholarship was awarded to such student.
Section I. Personal Information

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: _______________________________________________________

Permanent Address: _____________________________________________________

Telephone (home/cell): _________________________________________________

Email: _______________________________________________________________

Date of Birth: _______________ Place of Birth: _____________________________

Father’s Place of Birth: _________________________________________________

Mother’s Place of Birth: _________________________________________________

What is your connection with the State of New Jersey?

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Have you resided in New Jersey, and if so, when and for how long?

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Marital Status: ________ Number of Dependants (if applicable): _____________
Name of Law School: ________________________________

Current Year in Law School: _______________________

Undergraduate School: ______________________________

Undergraduate Degree: ______________________________

Please check the type of law school program you are currently enrolled in:

        _______ Day/Full Time           ________ Evening/Part-Time

Credits Completed: ________  Credits Needed to Graduate: ____________

Credits for the academic year when scholarship will be used: ________________

Anticipated Date of Graduation: ________________________________

Current Grade Point Average or Academic Standing: ________________________

Are you related by blood, marriage or any other family relationship to any trustee, officer, director or employee of the HBA-NJ or to any member of the Scholarship Committee? If so, please list the member’s name and relation:

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Have you previously received a scholarship(s) from the HBA-NJ? If so, please identify the year in which the scholarship(s) was received:

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Section II. Financial Information (Income, Assets and Resources)

**FINANCIAL AID FOR PRESENT ACADEMIC YEAR:**

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<tr>
<th>Financial Aid</th>
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<td>Total scholarships and grants</td>
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<td>Loans</td>
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<td>Special Grants (e.g. CLEO)</td>
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<td>Tuition Waiver</td>
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*Subtotal: $ ________________*

**INCOME:**

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<td>Spouse (per year, net after taxes and deductions)</td>
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<td>Government Benefits (per year)</td>
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<td>Family Contribution (per year, e.g. parents)</td>
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<td>Average Checking Account Balance</td>
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<td>$ ________________</td>
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<td><strong>Total Investments</strong> (e.g. stocks, mutual funds, bonds, money market accounts)</td>
<td>$ ________________</td>
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*Subtotal: $ ________________*
PROPERTY:

Real Estate (approximate value, net of mortgages and liens): $ __________________________

Automobile value (net of liens): $ __________________________

Other Assets: $ __________________________

Subtotal: $ __________________________

EXPENSES (FOR 2 ACADEMIC SEMESTERS):

Tuition and Fees: $ __________________________

Books and Supplies $ __________________________

Rent or Mortgage: $ __________________________

Utilities: $ __________________________

Groceries: $ __________________________

Transportation or Car Expenses (auto insurance, gas, car payments): $ __________________________

Clothing: $ __________________________

Medical: $ __________________________

Child or Dependant Care (Child support) $ __________________________

Contribution to Family: $ __________________________

Credit Card Payments: $ __________________________

Other Expenses and Payments (describe):

$ __________________________

Subtotal $ __________________________
What are your total credit card liabilities?  

What is your total student loan balance?  

What is your total mortgage balance?  

Total debts and liabilities, other than credit card, student loans and/or mortgage:  


Section III. Community Commitment (attach additional pages, if necessary)

The HBA-NJ awards scholarships to students with financial need who demonstrate a commitment to the progress and advancement of the Hispanic community at large and the Hispanic Bar. Please describe, in detail, your recent community and/or law school activities and how, as a future lawyer, you intend to contribute to the advancement of the community and the bar.
Section IV. Additional Factors (attach additional pages, if necessary)

Please describe any additional circumstances you feel are necessary in determining your eligibility.
Section V. Supporting Documentation Required

1. Copy of your Financial Aid Application submitted to your law school for the year for which this scholarship will be awarded.

2. Copies of your federal and state tax returns for the current year. If you did not file such tax returns, please indicate below.
Section VI. Certification

I, ________________________, hereby certify that, should I be awarded a scholarship by the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey, Inc., I will use said monies exclusively for educational purposes. I agree to provide the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey, Inc. satisfactory proof of said use, compliance with the attendance requirements of the law school and completion of the required course work for the term of the awarded scholarship.

I, ________________________ also hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that the statements and information provided in this application and the supporting documentation are true.

Signature ____________________________________     Date_____________________

Print Name___________________________________

Sworn and subscribed before me this ____
day of ________, 2017

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NOTARY PUBLIC