



ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION  
*of the Greater Bay Area*

**2023 AABA Law Foundation and the Salle Yoo and Jeff Gray Charitable Foundation  
Summer Grant**

The Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area (“AABA”) Law Foundation is offering two grants to help fund qualified summer law clerks to work on legal projects that provide free legal services to the Asian American community. Applicants must have a summer position with a non-profit legal organization or judicial officer or organization that has agreed to supervise the applicant for the summer of 2023. The grant will be funded by the **AABA Law Foundation and the Salle Yoo and Jeff Gray Charitable Foundation**.

**The Salle Yoo and Jeff Gray Grants.** An increasing number of Californians and Americans lack access to representation. The Yoo-Gray family is honored to award these scholarships to support those lawyers who have chosen to dedicate themselves to increasing Access to Justice for Californians, especially in our Asian American communities.

**Public Interest Grant**

Interested applicants should meet the following three requirements:

1. Have a summer position with a non-profit legal service organization or public/government agency;
2. Will work on a project(s) that provides legal assistance to the Asian American community or other under-represented communities;
3. Commit to 8 -10 weeks of work on the project(s) this summer, if practicable.

Note: There is a preference for applicants who intend to provide legal assistance in the Bay Area.

**Judicial Externship Grant**

1. Have a summer position for a judicial externship;
2. Commit to 8 - 10 weeks of work this summer, if practicable.

**Eligibility and Selection Criteria**

All current law students are eligible to apply, but preference is given to first and second-year law students at a San Francisco Bay Area school (Stanford University, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Law SF, University of San Francisco, Golden Gate University, Santa Clara University, or McGeorge School of Law).

**Applicant Requirements (Application attached)**

- Preference for Bay Area law school attendance
- Preference for 1L or 2L law student
- Summer legal employment in a government position, non-profit organization, or in a judicial clerkship
- A strong academic record and/or other indicators of future career success
- Financial need
- Membership in AABA will be considered, and in-person acceptance at the AABA Summer Diversity Reception on **June 21 or 22, 2023** is expected/encouraged
- Submission of personal statement and essay

- Submit a resume with the application.

The deadline to submit applications is **May 15, 2023**. Please email your application to [aaba.bayarea@gmail.com](mailto:aaba.bayarea@gmail.com).

### **Selection**

After receipt of applications, the selection committee will convene and interview the top candidates in on **June 10, 2023 between 9am to noon** (the interviews to be held by video conference ). AABA will award the summer grant at AABA's Annual Summer Reception, which is targeted to be held on either **June 21 or 22, 2023**. Exact date and place to be determined.

Selection criteria include past, present and future community service or public interest work for the Asian Pacific American (APA) community or other underrepresented communities; demonstrated leadership in the APA community; demonstrated financial need; and past, present and future commitment to the Bay Area.

The AABA Law Foundation also strongly encourages all Grant recipients:

- Become a Law Student Member of AABA; and
- Become a Lawyer Member of AABA upon graduation from law school.

### **Key Dates**

May 15, 2023 Summer Grant applications due.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of AABA?  Yes  No

Law School: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2023 Summer Public Interest or Judicial Externship Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you the first person in your immediate family to attend law school in the United States?

Yes  No

Law School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School Honors and Activities:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Undergraduate School: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Honors and Activities:

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Graduate School (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Languages Spoken: \_\_\_\_\_

Fluency: \_\_\_\_\_

Education Level of Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation of Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Education Level of Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation of Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Aid Information:

**Law School Financial Aid Information**

Loans (Federal and Private): \_\_\_\_\_

Grants: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Job or Work/Study Earnings: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Law School Debt as of date of application: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Projected Law School Debt in Entirety: \_\_\_\_\_

**Undergraduate Loan Debt:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-Law School Graduate Loan Debt (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Statement of Financial Circumstances:

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## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

### **AABA Summer Grant Application Submissions**

**1. Submit a personal statement, no more than 3 pages, double-spaced, that includes the following:**

- (a) A description of the type of work that you will pursue under the grant;
- (b) A description of your qualifications;
- (c) The name of the non-profit legal service organization or the judicial externship that you will be working with, including a reference contact and telephone number;
- (d) A description of any other grants, compensation, or financial aid you will receive for this summer's work; and

**2. Submit an essay of no more than 3 pages, double-spaced, discussing:**

- (a) Why you have chosen to work this summer at the non-profit legal service organization or the judicial externship and how you believe the summer work will enhance your career objectives.
- (b) Additional information beyond what is reflected in your resume regarding your past, present and future community service or public interest work for the Asian Pacific American (APA) community or other underrepresented communities; demonstrated leadership in the APA community; demonstrated financial need; and past, present and future commitment to the Bay Area.
- (c) What has been your experience in overcoming economic or other discriminatory barriers, and what role do you see yourself playing in advocating for others faced with economic or other discriminatory barriers?

**3. Law school statement:**

If you are not currently a law student at a San Francisco Bay Area law school (Stanford University, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Law SF, University of San Francisco, Golden Gate University, Santa Clara University, or McGeorge School of Law), please explain in a separate statement (no more than one page), your commitment to serving the Asian Pacific American community in the Bay Area.

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