



ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
OF THE GREATER BAY AREA

2024 AABA Law Foundation Scholarships

The Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area (AABA) and the AABA Law Foundation (ALF) are now accepting applications for the 2024 AABA Law Foundation scholarships, which will be awarded in conjunction with AABA's Annual Gala on March 21, 2024. **Applications are due by midnight on Friday, January 26, 2024, and finalist interviews will be conducted on Saturday, February 24, 2024.**

Scholarships

All applicants will be considered for one of the scholarships listed below dependent on funding. The amount of each scholarship will depend on the financial needs of the applicant pool, but it is likely that the award will be \$5,000 each.

Asian Pacific American Judges' Scholarship

Each year, ALF awards the Asian Pacific American Judges' Scholarship through contributions from Asian Pacific American judges.

Raymond L. Ocampo Jr. Family Scholarship

Each year, ALF awards the Raymond L. Ocampo Jr. Family Scholarship, in memory of Mr. Ocampo's parents and in honor of immigrants like them, for the enormous sacrifices they made and the untold hardships they endured in search of a better life for their families.

Joseph and Chang Morozumi Scholarship

Each year, ALF awards the Joseph and Chang Morozumi Scholarship (previously known as the "Joe Morozumi Scholarship") to a law student who has demonstrated a commitment to public interest law, especially low-income, direct legal services. Joe Morozumi was a fearless, tireless, zealous advocate for justice for the poor and the powerless. Through the generosity of Michael G.W. Lee, Joan Haratani, Dale Minami, and other donors, ALF awards this Scholarship to honor Joe Morozumi's spirit, passion for justice, and his advocacy for the poor and the underrepresented.

The Puri Family Scholarship

ALF is extremely pleased to award the Puri Family Scholarship, generously funded by the family of The Honorable Vedica Puri (San Francisco Superior Court), with a contribution from the ALF. The Puri family established this scholarship in memory of Judge Puri's mother, Anjali Puri, who was an enthusiastic advocate for women of color in their chosen professions.

AABA Law Foundation Scholarship

Each year, ALF awards the AABA Law Foundation Scholarship to a deserving law student.

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 San Francisco, University of San Francisco, Golden Gate University, Santa Clara University, or McGeorge School of Law). The Puri Family Scholarship is available to an outstanding candidate who has a commitment and demonstrated interest in legal and social issues facing women of color.

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.

If selected as a finalist, the applicant will interview with a scholarship committee on **February 24, 2024** via videoconference. ALF also requires that all scholarship recipients:

- Attend the AABA Annual Gala or reception which will take place on March 21, 2024 in San Francisco.
- Become a Law Student Member of AABA; and
- Become a Lawyer Member of AABA upon graduation from law school.

Key Dates

January 26, 2024	Scholarship applications due by midnight
February 24, 2024	Interviews of finalists
March 21, 2024	Recipients recognized at the AABA Annual Gala or reception preceding the Gala



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2024 AABA Law Foundation Scholarships Instructions and Application

INSTRUCTIONS:

A complete Application consists of the following: a completed Application Form, a resume, and a personal statement of no more than three pages, double-spaced, discussing any one or a combination of the following topics:

- (1) What do you see as a pressing intersectional issue or concern facing both the Asian American community **and** another/other community/ies of color, and what role do you see yourself playing in advocating for or engaging in such an issue?
- (2) In the past two years, there has been an unprecedented rise in anti-Asian violence in the United States. What concrete steps would you take to stop and/or reverse this trend?

and/or
- (3) 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?

If you are not currently a law student at a San Francisco Bay Area law school (Stanford University, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Hastings, 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.

Please submit your complete Application in a single PDF file. Please submit all Applications by **January 26, 2024 at midnight** via e-mail to aaba.bayarea@gmail.com, with “2024 AABA Law Foundation Scholarship Application – [your name]” in the subject line.

Finalists will be notified if they are selected for an interview **by mid-February 2024**.

Interviews will be held **on February 24, 2024**.

Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Asian American Bar Association Annual Gala or reception on **March 21, 2024**.

APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Alternate Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Are you a member of AABA? Yes No

Law School: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

2024 Summer Employment (if known): _____

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:

Undergraduate School: _____

Degree and Graduation Date: _____

Major: _____

Undergraduate Honors and Activities:

Graduate School (if applicable): _____

Degree and Graduation Date: _____

Field of Study: _____

Languages Spoken and Degree of Fluency:

Education Level of Father: _____

Occupation of Father: _____

Education Level of Mother: _____

Occupation of Mother: _____

Financial Aid/Need 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 (attach additional page if needed):
