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THE 2016 DOMINICAN BAR ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Dominican Bar Association (the “DBA”) seeks to increase the number of Latinos and underrepresented persons in the legal profession. To that end, each year, the DBA awards individual scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 to eligible law students who demonstrate community involvement, academic achievement and financial need. The number of available scholarships is dependent on the funds raised by the DBA.

Law students entering their first, second, third or fourth year part-time at an American Bar Association-accredited law school are eligible to apply. Students working solely towards an LL.M. degree are NOT eligible. Students enrolled in a joint program, where at least one of those programs is a J.D. are eligible.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY:

- (1)** The **completed** scholarship application *and* the required supplemental materials must be **received via email on or before Friday, July 15, 2016 at 11:59 p.m.** to be considered.
- (2)** All materials should be emailed to Dominicanbarassoc@gmail.com with the subject line “Scholarship Application Enclosed.”
- (3)** All materials should be emailed **in a single Portable Document File (PDF)** (with the sole exception of any recommendation letter being emailed directly to Dominicanbarassoc@gmail.com by the drafter).

Questions about the scholarship application can be emailed to Dominicanbarassoc@gmail.com until Monday, July 11, 2016.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by Friday, August 19, 2016. Recipients will be recognized at the DBA’s 13th Annual Scholarship Gala on Tuesday, September 20, 2016.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. **Scholarship Application.** The application and supplemental materials **MUST** be emailed in a single PDF, completed in its entirety and signed by the applicant.

2. **Transcript.** Please submit a copy of your latest transcript. The transcript may be an official or unofficial copy. Students entering their first year of law school must submit a copy of their **official** undergraduate transcript.

3. **Resume** (two-page limit).

4. **Personal Statement.** Please submit a personal statement, which addresses **at least two** of the following:

- (a) why you attended law school
- (b) your biggest challenge and how you were able to overcome it
- (c) your commitment to serve the Latino community
- (d) your community involvement and/ or commitment to the public interest

5. **Recommendation Letters (Optional).** The applicant may submit up to two letters of recommendation. Letters should specifically comment on the applicant's academics, professional skills and the applicant's commitment to the public interest and/ or community work.

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Please read the application carefully. Follow all of the instructions and complete **ALL** required sections. An incomplete application will **NOT** be considered.
- The scholarship application and any supplemental materials must be emailed in a single PDF (except for any recommendation letters emailed directly to **Dominicanbarassoc@gmail.com** by its drafter).
- Figures should be rounded off to the nearest dollar.
- If a question does not apply to you, the question should be answered with an "N/A".
- The application **must** be signed. **An application without a signature will not be accepted.**

Please read the instructions carefully before completing the application.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Full Name _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____

Sex _____

Present Mailing Address

Permanent Home Address (if different From Present Mailing Address)

Street _____

Street _____

City _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____

Telephone (____) _____

Email: _____

Place of Birth _____

Father's Place of Birth _____

Mother's Place of Birth _____

Ethnic/Racial Background. Check the appropriate ethnic/racial designation(s):

African American Asian/Pacific Islander Chicano/Mexican American

Dominican Native American Puerto Rican

Other (specify) _____

II. SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Have you previously applied for a scholarship award from The Dominican Bar Association?
 YES NO

Have you ever received a scholarship from The Dominican Bar Association? YES () NO ()

Amount of award : \$ _____

Year received: _____

III. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

List in chronological order all colleges, universities, graduate schools and professional schools (other than current law school) that you have attended.

School Name	Dates of Attendance and Date of Graduation	Degree & Major/Field(s) of Study

IV. LAW SCHOOL

Name of the law school you are attending (*reminder: you must be enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school to apply*):

The 2016 - 2017 academic year is your 1st ____ 2nd ____ 3rd ____ 4th* ____ year in law school. (*You may apply if you are currently a third year part-time student and the 2016-2017 academic year will be your 4th year).

Date you entered law school _____ Anticipated graduation date _____

V. PERSONAL

Marital and Dependency Status: { } Single { } Married/Domestic Partner/Living with Significant Other

During the school year, the applicant will live: { } On Campus { } Off Campus { } With Parents

On a separate sheet of paper, explain any particular or special living situations, which the DBA should consider.

Members of Applicant's Household:

Name of Dependent	Relation to Applicant	Age	Financial Support Received from Applicant (amount per week)
			\$
			\$
			\$

VI. CURRENT EMPLOYMENT (Describe nature of work and position.)

Name and Address of Employer: _____

Number of Hours Worked (per week) _____ Wages Earned (per week)

VII. EXPENSES AND RESOURCES

Please estimate the following for the 2016-2017 academic year (8/1/16 through 7/31/17).
 (Your estimate may be based on your current year's budget.)

Resources

Scholarships and Grants* _____

Loans* _____

Special Awards _____

Work Study _____

Expenses

Tuition and Fees _____

Books and Supplies _____

Transportation* _____

Rent/Mortgage _____

Tuition Waiver _____

Utilities _____

Additional Expenses and/or Contributions:

On a separate sheet of paper, please estimate any expenses and/or contributions you anticipate which are not mentioned in Section VII "Expenses and Resources" for the 2016-2017 academic year (8/1/16 through 7/31/17).

VIII. SIGNATURE

I certify that the information reported on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Name (Print)