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**THE 2020 DOMINICAN BAR ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Dominican Bar Association (DBA) seeks to increase the number of Latinos/as and underrepresented persons in the legal profession. Each year, the DBA awards individual scholarships in the amount of $3,000 to eligible law students who demonstrate community involvement, academic promise and financial need. The number of available scholarships is dependent on the funds raised by the DBA.

Law students entering their first, second and third year (and evening students entering their fourth year) at an American Bar Association (ABA) accredited law school are eligible to apply. Students working towards their LL.M. degree are NOT eligible.

The **completed** scholarship application ***and*** the required supplemental materials must be ***emailed* by 11:59pm, Monday, August 3, 2020** to be considered. All materials should be emailed to DBAScholarship@gmail.com with the subject line “Scholarship Application Enclosed.”

Questions about the scholarship application can be emailed to DBAScholarship@gmail.com

Scholarship recipients will be notified by August 22, 2020. Recipients will be recognized at DBA’s 2020 Virtual Scholarship Gala, on Saturday September 19, 2020.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

1. **Scholarship Application**. The application **MUST** be typed, completed in its entirety and signed.

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 should submit an ***official*** undergraduate transcript.

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

4. **Personal Statement.** 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.** Up to two letters of recommendation are ***optional***. Letters should specifically comment on your academics, professional skills and/or your commitment to the public interest and/ or community work.

The **completed** scholarship application ***and*** the required supplemental materials must be ***emailed,* as one document, by.Monday, August 3, 2020** to be considered. All materials should be emailed as one attachment to DBAScholarship@gmail.com with the subject line “Scholarship Application Enclosed.”

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

* Please read the application carefully. Follow all of the instructions and complete **ALL** required sections. An incomplete application will **NOT** be considered.
* 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.**

*Answers must be typed. Please read the instructions carefully before completing the application.*

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Full Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sex\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Present Mailing Address Permanent Home Address**

Street\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Street\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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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 Latino (specify) { } Caucasian { } 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 and year granted: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Year\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you available and willing to attend the Scholarship Gala on ????

Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**III. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

List in order of attendance all colleges, universities and graduate schools that you have attended.

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| **School Name** | **Dates of Attendance/**  **Graduation, Degree** | **Degree & Major/Fields of Study** |
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**IV. LAW SCHOOL**

Name of the Law School you are attending (*Reminder: you must be currently enrolled to apply*):

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The 2020 - 2021 academic year is your 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_\_ 4th\* \_\_\_\_\_year in law school. (\*You may apply if you are currently a third year evening student and 2020-2021 will be your 4th year).

Date you entered law school \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated graduation date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total number of credits needed to graduate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Number of credits completed \_\_\_\_\_\_

**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.

Dependents (*if applicable, please include spouse if spouse is dependent on you*):

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| **Names of Dependent** | **Relation to Applicant** | **Age** | **Amount of Support** |
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**VI. CURRENT EMPLOYMENT (Describe nature of work and position.)**

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Name and Address of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Hours of Work (per week) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Wages Earned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(Please specify whether wages are weekly, monthly, etc.)*

**VII. EXPENSES AND RESOURCES**

Please estimate the following for the 2019/2020 academic year (8/1/19 through 7/31/20). (Your estimate may be based on your current year’s budget.)

**Resources Expenses**

Scholarships/Grants\* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Tuition/Fees \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Loans\* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Books/Supplies\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Special Awards \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Transportation\* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Work Study \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Rent/Mortgage \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Tuition Waiver \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Utilities \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Expenses/ Contributions:**

On a separate sheet of paper, please estimate any expenses or contributions you anticipate which are not mentioned in Section VII “Expenses and Resources” for the 2020/2021 academic year (8/1/20 through 7/31/21).

**IX. SIGNATURE**

I certify that the information reported on this application is complete and accurate.

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Signature Date

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