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### THE 2023 DOMINICAN BAR ASSOCIATION'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Dear applicant:

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 also* eligible.

To be considered, the **completed** scholarship application *and* the required supplemental materials must be **emailed** to DBAScholarship@gmail.com, **as one single PDF document, by 11:59pm, Sunday, July 9, 2023.** Both, the application submission's email subject line and the PDF attachment **must** comply with the following naming convention: "LAST NAME, FIRST NAME - 2023DBAScholarshipApplication" (e.g. GARCIA, DANI - 2023DBAScholarshipApplication).

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

If selected, scholarship recipients will be notified by August 31, 2023. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at DBA's 2023 Scholarship Gala, on Saturday, September 23, 2023.

## 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 public interest and/or community work.

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### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Please read the application fully and 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 fully and carefully before completing the application.

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

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

**Present Mailing Address**

**Permanent Home 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 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 Saturday, September 10, 2022?

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

### III. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

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

School Name	Dates of Attendance/ Graduation, Degree	Degree & Major/Fields of Study

### IV. LAW SCHOOL

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

\_\_\_\_\_

For JD candidates: The 2023 - 2024 academic year is your 1st \_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_ 4th\* \_\_\_\_ year in law school. (\*You may apply if you are currently a 3<sup>rd</sup> year evening student and 2023-24 is your 4<sup>th</sup> year).

For LLM candidates: Please indicate the specialty sought, required number of credits, semesters remaining, and total credits sought in the 2023-2024 academic year:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(\*You may apply if you are enrolled at an ABA accredited law school for the 2023-2024 academic 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):

Names of Dependent	Relation to Applicant	Age	Amount of Support

**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 2023-2024 academic year (8/1/23 through 7/31/24). (Your estimate may be based on your current year's budget.)

**Resources**

Scholarships/Grants\* \_\_\_\_\_

Loans\* \_\_\_\_\_

Special Awards \_\_\_\_\_

Work Study \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Expenses**

Tuition/Fees \_\_\_\_\_

Books/Supplies \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation\* \_\_\_\_\_

Rent/Mortgage \_\_\_\_\_

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 2023-2024 academic year (8/1/23 through 7/31/24).

**IX. CONSENT AND SIGNATURE**

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

I understand that by submitting this application for a scholarship award, I grant the DBA full rights to use my name, image and/or likeness for fundraising, publicity, or any other purpose that helps the association achieve its mission. Uses may include, but are not limited to, printed materials, online publicity, social media, press releases and funding applications.

If selected to receive a DBA scholarship, I further understand and agree to provide the DBA, within one week of being notified of my selection, a short (400 words or less) one paragraph biography and a personal photograph.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Name (Print)