



VIETNAMESE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA 2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

WHO SHOULD APPLY:

VABANC's annual scholarship seeks to recognize students who have demonstrated a commitment to serving the needs of the Vietnamese-American community. Open to all law students, the scholarship is intended to assist recipients who are pursuing public interest or social justice goals. Priority will be given to those who have demonstrated a commitment to serving the Vietnamese-American community in Northern California and to those who will be using the scholarship award to further their public interest or social justice work, either by pursuing post-graduate work or for a summer position.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

VABANC has historically awarded at least two scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,000 each. For 2020, VABANC will award at least two scholarships each valued at \$2,000, with possibly larger awards based on fundraising.

APPLICATION PACKET:

Submit the following materials to scholarship@vabanc.org by **Friday, July 31, 2020, 11:59 PM**. Any changes to this deadline will be announced on our website at www.vabanc.org.

1) A completed application form; 2) a résumé; 3) a personal statement (no more than 800 words) on one or more of the following:

- Identify and describe a current pressing social or legal-services need in the Vietnamese-American community, and describe your concrete plans for serving persons affected by that need; and/or
- Discuss your history of performing social justice work for the Vietnamese-American community, or a similar underserved community, i.e., activism, pro bono work; and/or
- If applicable, describe your personal experiences in overcoming socioeconomic and/or other barriers; and/or
- Identify a public-service legal project (internship, fellowship, etc.) which you are or will be involved in, and how this scholarship would enable you to execute that project.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- The 2020 scholarship recipients will be recognized at VABANC's annual scholarship dinner (location to be determined.)
- VABANC membership required and is free for students. Sign up at www.vabanc.org.
- In-person or video interviews will be conducted in September.
- For the latest scholarship updates and more information about VABANC, please visit www.vabanc.org or email your questions to scholarship@vabanc.org.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(If you require additional space, please feel free to include an attachment.)

Name:

Email:

Address:

Phone Number: _____

LAW SCHOOL:

Anticipated Date of Graduation:

Honors and Activities (including community involvement):

Areas of interest (*i.e.*, public interest, non-profit, etc.):

COLLEGE: _____

Degree, Major and Graduation Date: .

Honors and Activities:

GRADUATE SCHOOL (IF APPLICABLE): _____

Degree, Major and Graduation Date: _____

OTHER INFORMATION:

Other interests:

Languages spoken and fluency level:

Please describe your level of financial need: