

ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE COUNSEL, Southern California
DIVERSITY BAR EXAM PREP COURSE STIPEND SCHOLARSHIP

Application Instructions and Eligibility Requirements

Background and Purpose:

ACC-SoCal believes that it is incumbent upon the legal community to assist in alleviating the economic burden faced by financially-challenged minority students as each student prepares for the California Bar Exam and a future in the legal profession. To help students resolve this burden, the ACC-SoCal scholarship program pays for a limited number of California Bar Exam review courses for minority students that might have otherwise had to forgo taking such courses. A limited number of recipients shall be selected from applications received from qualified students who demonstrate high moral character and financial need.

Eligibility:

Eligibility is limited to full-time and part-time minority law students who (a) experienced financial hardship during their law school career and may have to forgo taking a bar review course if not for this program, (b) will graduate in spring 2019 or fall 2019 with a JD from an ABA-accredited law school in ACC-SoCal's designated region (i.e., Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Santa Barbara, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties), and (c) registered (including Moral Character Application submission) to take the California Bar Exam in July 2019 or February 2020.

How to Apply:

Please provide complete, detailed answers to the application questions and all of the required attachments in a single envelope. Please return your completed application along with the required supporting documentation set forth below to:

**ACC-SoCal Diversity Committee – Scholarships
c/o Resources Global
1000 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1600
Los Angeles, CA 90017**

Applications must be typed in 12-point typeface and **postmarked no later than April 7, 2019**, for our **receipt no later than April 10, 2019**. In the alternative, students may e-mail submissions by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time April 7, 2019, or send questions to socal@accglobal.com. (Due to the volume of entries, ACC-SoCal may not acknowledge receipt of applications.)

Selection Criteria:

ACC-SoCal will award such scholarships on the basis of minority status, financial need, moral character, academic achievement, and community involvement.

ACC-SoCal shall take reasonable steps to safeguard confidential information received from applicants, using measures not less protective than those that ACC-SoCal uses to protect its own information of a like nature.

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Application Form

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Last Name, First Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Current Law School: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Anticipated CA Bar Exam Date: _____

Community Service Activities: _____

I have already registered for a bar review class- YES/NO: If yes, I have registered with _____

and either: paid a deposit of \$_____ or paid in full the amount of \$_____.

Which of the following best describes your race or ethnicity (circle or check one)?

Hispanic or Latino

White (Not Hispanic or Latino)

Black or African American (Not Hispanic or Latino)

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (Not Hispanic or Latino)

Asian (Not Hispanic or Latino)

Native American or Alaska Native (Not Hispanic or Latino)

Two or more races (Not Hispanic or Latino) - All persons who identify with more than one of the above five races.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO ATTACH TO THIS APPLICATION:

- Personal statement describing your financial hardship during your law school career and what you will personally do to help expand diversity in the legal profession after admission to the California Bar. (Statement should be 250 words or less, typewritten, double-spaced.)
- Resume
- Official law school transcript
- Confirmation letter delineating financial aid received for the current academic year
- Confidential letter of recommendation from law professor submitted in sealed signed envelope or separate e-mail directly from the law professor’s law school e-mail account
- If employed or previously employed, letter of recommendation from employer or recent employer
- A copy of your California Bar Exam application and proof of payment
- A copy of your MPRE score or application and proof of payment
- A copy of your Moral Character application and proof of payment

I AGREE THAT:

This is the first and only bar exam I have ever taken in any state, territory, province or country.

I have submitted complete and accurate copies of all required documents.

If I receive or am entitled receive any other form of financial aid or reimbursement for the cost of a California Bar Exam prep course, I will immediately reimburse ACC-SoCal for the value of its Bar stipend.

I will participate in personal interviews with the ACC-SoCal Diversity Committee, if requested.

If I am selected as a grantee, ACC-SoCal may use my name, information regarding me, and my likeness in any news article or promotional stories.

I will voluntarily agree take the BarBri, Bar Passers, or other ACC-SoCal Diversity Committee-approved California Bar Exam review course and shall complete all required preparation work.

Each award has a maximum dollar amount, and if I select a Bar review program other than one approved by the ACC-SoCal Diversity Committee, I may not receive the entire amount of the Bar Exam prep course stipend for such Bar review program.

I will promptly advise ACC-SoCal of my California Bar results.

As an applicant and potential grantee, I agree that in exchange for grant consideration or actual grant, I will take no action, in law or equity, under contract or otherwise, against ACC-SoCal, its officers, directors, and/or committee members with respect to this scholarship program or my personal results.

Applicant’s signature: _____ Date: _____