

**The 2022
FLOC
Bayanihan
Law Student
Scholarship**

By

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Introduction

The Board of Directors of the Filipino-American Lawyers of Orange County (“FLOC”) is pleased to invite rising second and third year law students to apply for the **2022 FLOC Bayanihan Law Student Scholarship**.

FLOC is the preeminent organization of and for Filipino-American attorneys practicing in Orange County, California. FLOC is focused on meeting the professional needs of its members who work in small and large law firms, corporations, public entities, and universities.

“*Bayanihan*” is one of the most cherished of Filipino cultural values. It represents community, unity, cooperation, as well as collaboration. *Bayanihan* is what imbues and motivates Filipinos everywhere to be kind and helpful to one another, especially in times of need without expecting anything in return. It is this spirit of *Bayanihan* that FLOC wants to promote and foster with and through its law student scholarship program.

The FLOC *Bayanihan* Law Student Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded at FLOC’s Annual Gala Dinner to be held on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at the Irvine Marriott, 18000 Von Karman, Irvine, California.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

To be eligible for the 2022 FLOC *Bayanihan* Law Student Scholarship, an applicant must be:

1. A full-time or part-time law student in good standing;
2. Currently enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school in the United States;
3. As of Fall 2022, completed at least one full year or two part-time years of law school;
4. On track to graduate and receive the Juris Doctor degree in 2023 or 2024; and
5. Is a law student member of FLOC.¹

Selection criteria include:

1. Demonstrated excellence and achievement, both academic and extracurricular, as a law student;
2. Substantial past contributions and/or a demonstrated commitment to make future contributions to FLOC in terms of time and effort in assisting and participating in FLOC events and activities;
3. Significant contributions to the Filipino-American community;
4. Commitment to become a successful and effective contributor to the Filipino-American legal community; and
5. Availability to attend FLOC’s Annual Gala Dinner on August 31, 2022.

¹ There is no fee required to become a law student member of FLOC. To join FLOC as a law student member, go to <https://www.floclawyers.org/membership/law-students>

In addition to all of the above, the FLOC Scholarship Committee will consider and appraise the applicant as a whole, focusing on, among other things, the applicant's financial need and resourcefulness in meeting that need; how the applicant overcame any individual challenges; and how the applicant endured and conquered any personal hardships in attending law school.

[*Nota Bene*: The recipient(s) of the 2022 FLOC *Bayanihan* Scholarship will not be eligible to apply for the 2023 FLOC *Bayanihan* Scholarship.]

Application Requirements

Please submit the following materials by email to Ronald Baldonado at baldona6@gmail.com no later than **11:59 pm on Friday, August 19, 2022**:

1. A completed application form (attached);²
2. A current resume (not to exceed one page);
3. A personal statement (not to exceed 500 words);
4. A copy of your most recent law school transcript; and
5. A letter of recommendation prepared within the past 12 months.

All of the above will be held in strictest confidence by the FLOC Scholarship Committee.

FAQs

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| 1. <i>Who is eligible to apply for a FLOC Law Student Scholarship?</i> | The FLOC <i>Bayanihan</i> Scholarship will be awarded on a competitive basis to one law student who meets all the Eligibility and Selection Criteria described above, and whom the FLOC Scholarship Committee will select after reviewing all of the applications submitted by the deadline. |
| 2. <i>Do I have to be Filipino-American to apply and be considered for the scholarship?</i> | No. So long as you meet all of the Eligibility and Selection Criteria described above, you do not have to be Filipino-American to apply for the scholarship. |
| 3. <i>Do I have to be attending a law school in the Orange County area in order to be eligible?</i> | No, you do not have to be a law student at any of the law schools in Orange County in order to be eligible for the <i>Bayanihan</i> scholarship. Whatever law school you are attending, the key requirement is that law school must be ABA-accredited. |

² The application form is in MS Word format so feel free to expand the various sections as needed when you fill in the application.

4. *Why do I have to be graduating from law school in 2023 or 2024 in order to be eligible?*

The FLOC Scholarship Committee believes that it can better evaluate the potential of a law student to become a successful lawyer as well as effective contributor to the Filipino-American legal community if, as of the fall of 2022, the applicant has been a full-time law student for at least one year or a part-time law student for at least two years.
5. *What if I exceed the 500-word limit in my personal statement?*

FLOC believes that writing concisely is a critical skill that all good lawyers must have. Therefore, please do your best in keeping your personal statement within 500 words.
6. *Will my application be kept confidential?*

Yes. Only the FLOC Scholarship Committee will see your application, including your transcript and personal statement.
7. *Are there any guidelines for the letter of recommendation?*

The best letter of recommendation is one that highlights why you should be awarded the FLOC *Bayanihan* Scholarship. Therefore, after being in law school for at least a year, you should be able to identify at least one person who is sufficiently familiar with your academic and extracurricular achievements, as well as your personal qualities and abilities to write a great recommendation.
8. *Can the letter of recommendation be emailed under separate cover?*

Of course. The writer of your letter of recommendation may submit the letter under separate cover via email to the same email address listed above: baldona6@gmail.com. Please make sure the author references your scholarship application in the transmittal.
9. *Can the letter of recommendation be submitted after the due date for the rest of the scholarship application?*

No. To ensure fairness and equal treatment in the application process, we cannot give any author of a letter of recommendation an extension beyond the 11:59 p.m., Friday, August 19, 2022, deadline given above. Therefore, we strongly encourage you to do what you can to ensure that the writer of your letter of recommendation submits the letter by the deadline.
10. *When will I know if I am awarded the scholarship?*

The FLOC Scholarship Committee will notify all scholarship applicants of its decision by no later than Friday, August 26, 2022.
11. *Whom can I contact if I have any questions?*

Please email your questions to baldona6@gmail.com and we will respond as soon as we can. Please include your mobile phone number in case we need to respond telephonically to your question.

2022 FLOC Bayanihan Scholarship Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Landline: _____ (if applicable)

E-mail Address: _____

Law School: _____

1. Are you a law student member of FLOC? Since when? _____

2. Can you attend the FLOC Annual Gala Dinner on August 31, 2022? _____

3. Are you on track to graduate from law school in 2023 or 2024? _____

4. Are you a full-time law student or a part-time law student? _____

5. Please list all of the academic awards and honors you have received in law school:

6. Please list and describe your extracurricular activities while in law school (activity/organization, role/involvement, achievements, dates):

7. Please list and describe your involvement in and contributions to FLOC. Be as specific as possible:

8. Please list and describe your involvement in and contributions to the Filipino-American community. Be as specific as possible:

9. Please discuss your career goals after graduating from law school:

10. Please describe how you plan to remain involved in, and how you plan to contribute to the Filipino-American community as you pursue your legal career:

11. Finally, please describe any individual challenges, personal hardships, including financial need, and how you addressed and handled them:

Please attach to this scholarship applications copies of:

- Your current resume
- Your most recent law school transcript
- A letter of recommendation (unless submitted under separate cover)

CERTIFICATION:

By submitting this application, including the attachments hereto, and by signing below, I certify that the information provided herein is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that FLOC may require me to provide additional information or documentation that it may deem necessary. I further understand that any discrepancy in the information provided herein may result in either disqualification from the scholarship selection process, or rescission of the scholarship awarded, if applicable.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Please e-mail your completed application and attachments to
Ronald Baldonado at baldona6@gmail.com
by no later than **11:59 p.m., Friday, August 19, 2022.**