



July 23, 2025

Re: 2025 Scholarships for Law Students and Recent Law School Graduates

The Hispanic Bar Association of the Inland Empire strives to raise the profile of Hispanic attorneys in our community and to promote the practice of law as a rewarding and achievable profession to our next generation of lawyers. To this end, HBAIE and its sister charity, HBAIE Foundation, are proud to sponsor a \$1,000 scholarship for each of two deserving individuals.

One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student currently enrolled in law school or who will begin law school in fall 2025. A second \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a recent law school graduate who is not yet licensed (i.e., he or she graduated in 2024 or 2025 and is studying for the bar exam or recently took the bar exam and is awaiting results). These scholarships will be awarded based on merit, with significant consideration given to those applicants who demonstrate strong ties to the Inland Empire.

We ask that you distribute the enclosed scholarship application and instructions to your student body and recent graduates.¹ All information related to the application process can be found in the application instructions and on our website.

If you have any questions, please contact Gabriela Rodriguez, HBAIE Vice President and Scholarship Subcommittee Chair, at gabrielarodriguez9711@yahoo.com.

Thank you for bringing our scholarship opportunities to the attention of your students and recent graduates.

Respectfully,

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President
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¹ There is a single application regardless of whether an applicant applies as a current student or recent graduate.



2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

Background and Purpose

The Hispanic Bar Association Inland Empire (HBAIE), and its sister charity, HBAIE Foundation, are professional organizations founded to uplift the Inland Empire's Hispanic legal community by fostering engagement with communities, businesses and local bar associations, all while celebrating Hispanic culture. We cultivate and champion the education and recruitment of Hispanic attorneys, as well as their professional advancement through continued mentorship.

HBAIE Foundation is proud to sponsor a \$1,000 scholarship for each of two deserving individuals with strong ties to the Inland Empire. The first \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student currently enrolled in law school or who will begin law school in fall 2025. The second \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a recent law school graduate who is not yet licensed (i.e., he or she graduated in 2024 or 2025 and is studying for the bar exam or recently took the bar exam and is awaiting results). These scholarships will be awarded based on the successful applicants' commitment to the Hispanic community, connection to the Inland Empire, scholastic excellence, and outstanding personal qualities.

Application and Awards

HBAIE's Scholarship Committee will evaluate each scholarship applicant and will select our scholarship recipients. The recipients will be recognized and awarded their scholarships at our 2025 Winter Dinner.

To apply, please submit your application electronically to hispanicbarie@gmail.com by **Friday, September 5, 2025**.

HBAIE 2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name (First, Last): _____

Current Address
(Including City, State, and Zip Code): _____

Mailing Address
(If different from Current Address): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

EDUCATION

Law School: _____

Year in Law School: _____

Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____

GPA (optional): _____

Intended Bar Examination Date: _____

Undergraduate School,
Major and Year of Graduation: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Please attach the following documents:

1. Resume, including any work history, extra-curricular activities, community service, and academic honors.
2. Most recent unofficial law school transcript. (if you are an incoming law student attach an unofficial class schedule for verification.)
3. Personal statement between 250-500 words. Discuss what the HBAIE mission statement means to you. You may also include information regarding your background, including demonstrated commitment to the Hispanic community, connection to the Inland Empire, reasons for pursuing further education, challenges you face outside of school, legal field of interest, career goals, special circumstances, and any other information you would like the scholarship selection committee to consider.

HBAIE Mission Statement: The Hispanic Bar Association of the Inland Empire (HBAIE) uplifts the Inland Empire's Hispanic legal community by fostering engagement with communities, businesses, and the bar, while celebrating Hispanic culture. We are a family that cultivates and champions the education and recruitment of Hispanic attorneys, as well as their professional advancement through continued mentorship.

Questions may be addressed to Gabriela Rodriguez, HBAIE Vice President and Scholarship Subcommittee Chair, at gabrielarodriguez9711@yahoo.com. The HBAIE Scholarship Committee may contact applicants for more information.