



# Federal Bar Association

## Inland Empire Chapter

October 18, 2017

Dear Dean of Students,

As President of the Inland Empire Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, I write to invite students at your law school to apply for our annual Inland Empire Federal Bar Association Law Student Scholarship. We award the scholarship annually to one or two outstanding law student(s) with a connection to the Inland Empire. This year each award will be in the amount of up to \$1,000. It will be presented at our annual Judges Night Dinner, to be held on February 8, 2018, at the Historic Mission Inn in Riverside, California.

We encourage any outstanding students at your school with a connection to the Inland Empire to apply, and ask that you make the enclosed application available to any such students. The deadline to submit applications is **November 20, 2017**.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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**FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION - INLAND EMPIRE CHAPTER**  
**PROCEDURES/QUALIFICATIONS FOR**  
**SCHOLARSHIP**

On an annual basis, the Inland Empire Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will award one or two academic scholarship(s) to law student(s) in their final year of law study who meets the criteria below. The value of the scholarship is up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

1. **NOMINATION.** To be considered for a scholarship, a law student must complete an application as provided by the Board. Each year, the Board of Directors will set a date by which nominations must be submitted.
2. **SELECTION.** After receiving nominations, the Board will choose one recipient for the scholarship. The Board will choose the scholarship recipient based on the following criteria:
  - a. **Connection to the Inland Empire.** Because a goal of the Chapter is to support excellence in practice of law in the Inland Empire, a student who receives a scholarship must have a significant connection to the Inland Empire. Examples of how this may be satisfied are:
    - (1) The student is a graduate of a high school, college or university in either Riverside or San Bernardino County.
    - (2) The student has concretely demonstrated the intent to practice law in Riverside and/or San Bernardino County after graduation.
    - (3) Any other evidence of a significant connection to the Inland Empire.
  - b. **Scholastic Excellence.** The student has demonstrated scholastic excellence by being in the top 15% of his or her academic class in law school at the time of nomination.
  - c. **Outstanding Personal Qualities.** The student has demonstrated outstanding personal qualities of high moral character, commitment to community service, exemplary work ethic and insightful intellectual curiosity. The student's extracurricular and community activities will be considered by the Board in determining whether the student satisfies these criteria.
3. The award may be publicized annually by communicating with the chapter membership, various bar associations, the local press, and law schools in the state of California.
4. Presentation of the award shall be made at the chapter's annual Judges Night Dinner, at which the student(s) receiving the award will be the chapter's honored guest, and will receive a certificate recognizing the award.

## **INLAND EMPIRE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION LAW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The Inland Empire Federal Bar Association Law Student Scholarship is scholarship(s) of up to \$1,000.00 to outstanding student(s) who are in their final year of law school. The scholarship is awarded based on the applicant's connection to the Inland Empire, scholastic excellence, and outstanding personal qualities. To apply, please submit your application electronically to [FBAInlandEmpire@gmail.com](mailto:FBAInlandEmpire@gmail.com) on or before **November 20, 2017**.

### **Contact Information**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Law School Information**

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_                      **Anticipated Date of graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Application**

1. Attach a copy of your resume, including any work history, extra-curricular activities, academic honors and evidence of your significant connection to the Inland Empire.
2. Attach a copy of your most recent law school transcript.
3. Describe in 250 words or less what you most appreciate about the Inland Empire.

Finalists for the IEFBA Law Student Scholarship will be contacted to schedule an interview. The scholarship will be disbursed at the chapter's annual Judges Night Dinner, to be held on February 8, 2018, at the Historic Mission Inn in Riverside, California.

Should you have any questions, please email them to [FBAInlandEmpire@gmail.com](mailto:FBAInlandEmpire@gmail.com).