

ACC Southern California Bar Exam Prep Course Scholarship Application Instructions and Eligibility Requirements

Background and Purpose:

The purpose of this scholarship program is to pay for one bar review course¹ for each selected recipient. ACC Southern California believes that it is incumbent upon the legal community to assist in alleviating the economic burden faced by financially challenged minority² students as each student prepares for the California Bar Exam and a future in the legal profession. To help resolve this problem/burden, ACC Southern California has put together a scholarship program designed to pay for a limited number of bar review courses for minority students that might have otherwise had to forgo taking such courses. A limited number of recipients shall be selected from qualified minority applicants who demonstrate high moral character, financial need and academic achievement.

Eligibility:

Eligibility is limited to full time and part time minority law students who (a) have experienced financial hardship during their law school career and may have to forgo taking a bar review course if not for this program and (b) will graduate with a JD at the end of the Spring 2016 semester from an Accredited Law School in ACC Southern California's region (which includes Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Santa Barbara, Riverside and San Bernardino counties) and (c) are registered to take the California Bar Exam in the Summer of 2016.

How to Apply:

Please provide 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 to ACC-SoCal, C/O Resources Global ACC-SoCal Diversity Committee, 1000 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1600, Los Angeles, CA 90017. Applications must be typed in 12 pt type face and postmarked no later than **March 7, 2016**. If you have questions with respect to this application, please e-mail your question in one email to socal@accglobal.com.

Selection Criteria:

ACC Southern California will award such scholarships on the basis of minority status, moral character, financial need and academic achievement.

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

¹ If bar review course is not on ACC Southern California Diversity Committee's pre-approved list, result may be partial subsidy in lieu of full payment for the course (see next page).

ACC-SoCal Bar Exam Prep Course Scholarship Student Bar Review Grant 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 group best describes your ethnic background?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> African American/Black | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Spanish Origin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (as defined by the Federal EEO Program) | |

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED 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 Bar after Bar admission (250 words or less).
- 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
- If employed or previously employed, letter of recommendation from employer or recent employer
- A copy of your Bar Exam Application and proof of payment
- A copy of your Application for the MPRE
- A copy of your Moral Character Application

I REPRESENT AND WARRANT 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 am entitled to receive or receive any other form of financial aid or if I am entitled to receive any reimbursement for the Bar exam prep course, I shall immediately reimburse ACC-SoCal for the value of the grant.

I will participate in personal interviews with ACC Southern California Diversity Committee if requested.

If I am selected as a grantee of the ACC-SoCal Bar Exam Prep Course Scholarship, I grant ACC SoCal a royalty-free unlimited perpetual license and right to use my name, information regarding me, and my likeness in any news article or promotional stories.

I voluntarily agree to take any ACC-SoCal Diversity Committee approved Bar 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 Southern Diversity Committee, I may not receive the entire amount of the bar review program. I will be responsible for paying the difference in cost.

I will immediately advise ACC Southern California of my Bar results.

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

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Please submit completed application, along with the required documents, to:

ACC-SoCal Diversity Committee

(c/o Resources Global)

1000 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1600

Los Angeles, CA 90017

Attn: Betty St. Marie

Applications may also be submitted via email to: socal@accglobal.com