



Orange County Hispanic Bar Association 2027 Bar Stipend Application Instructions

The Program

This fund is sponsored by the Orange County Hispanic Bar Association ("OCHBA") and awards stipends to law students with strong connections to Orange County Latine community. Recipients are honored and expected to be present at our annual gala to be held next year.

Eligibility

Eligible bar takers must be 3-L law students or registrants of the February or July 2027 California Bar Exam and involved in the Latine community. Priority will be given to bar takers with significant ties to Orange County. Stipends are open to bar takers regardless of immigration status. The OCHBA requests your authorization to print and display portions of your personal statement and picture in our program and at our Gala for the purpose of raising scholarship and stipend funds for future years.

Available Scholarship

A maximum of four (4) stipend awards will be given and a maximum of \$6,000.00 will be distributed among the scholarship winners.

Application Requirements

To be considered for *an award*, you must:

- Complete and sign the 2-page application
- Include personal statement as specified in the application
- Attach a resume (include relevant community involvement and legal work)
- Proof/receipt of registration for the February or July 2027 California Bar Exam
- Letter(s) of recommendation are optional

All materials must be postmarked by November 30, 2026 for the February 2027 Bar Exam and by March 31, 2027 for the July 2027 Bar Exam. Sign completed form and mail

to: Orange County Hispanic Bar Association
P.O. Box 6130 Newport Beach, CA 92658

Attn: Bar Stipend

You may also email your application to: info@ochba.org

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered!

Applications will be reviewed by the OCHBA Scholarship Committee. Please note the following dates:

November 30, 2026: Application deadline. All materials must be postmarked by this date for February 2027 Bar Exam.

March 31, 2027: Application deadline. All materials must be postmarked by this date for July 2027 Bar Exam.

December 2026/January 2027: Notification of stipend recipients for February 2027 Bar Exam

May 2027/June 2027: Notification of stipend recipients for July 2027 Bar Exam

BAR STIPEND APPLICATION

Applicant's Personal Information

Last Name First Name Middle

Address Apt.

Phone Number

City State Zip

Date of Birth

E-mail Address

Are you a member of the Orange County Hispanic Bar Association? ☐Yes ☐No

Are you the recipient of any immigration benefit (DACA, U-Visa, etc.) ☐Yes ☐No

Are you bilingual (Spanish/English)? ☐Yes ☐No

Applicant's School Information

High School Attended _____ City/State: _____
G.P.A. _____

Undergraduate School Attended _____ City/State: _____
G.P.A. _____

Law School Current/Attended _____ City/State: _____
G.P.A. _____ Graduation Date: _____

Legal Area of Interest: _____

Law School Student Ranking: _____

Registered Bar Exam Date: _____

Date(s) Prior Exam Taken: _____

Applicant's Personal Statement

On an attached sheet (typed and double-spaced), please address the following points in a maximum of 500 words:

1. Academic plans and career goals
2. Your ties or involvement with the Orange County Latine community
3. How your legal education will enable you to contribute/give back to the Latine community
4. Your financial need and how being awarded this stipend will assist you
5. Any special family or personal circumstances which have affected your achievement in school, work, or your participation in school or community activities (if applicable)

Certification

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided in my application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the HBA may require me to provide documentation to corroborate the above information in order to be considered for this scholarship process. I further understand that any discrepancy in my information may result in disqualification from this scholarship process and termination of any scholarship awarded.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Authorization

The OCHBA requests your authorization to print and display portions of your personal statement and picture in our program and at our Gala for the purpose of raising scholarship funds for future years.

I _____, authorize the Orange County Hispanic Bar Association to print and or display all or portions of my personal statement and likeness in the newsletter and/or at the 2027 OCHBA Scholarship Fundraising Gala.

Date: _____
Signature _____

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You may also email your application to: info@ochba.org

Phone: 949-440-6700 x 253 Website: www.ochba.org

Email: info@ochba.org Phone: 949-760-0204