



Orange County Hispanic Bar Association 2026-2027 Wally Davis Scholarship Application Instructions

The Program

This fund is sponsored by the Orange County Hispanic Bar Association ("OCHBA") and awards scholarships to law students who are working for the betterment of the Orange County Latine community. The Fund was named in memory of Wally Davis, one of the first Latino attorneys in Orange County who fought for the civil rights of all Latinos. **Recipients are honored and expected to be present at our annual gala to be held next year.**

Eligibility

Eligible students must be current 1L or 2L law students involved in the Latine community. Priority will be given to students with significant ties to Orange County. Scholarships are open to students 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 awareness to the need for scholarship funds for future years.

Available Scholarship

- A maximum of four (4) scholarships will be awarded and a maximum of \$40,000.00 will be distributed among the scholarship recipients. The funds will be distributed directly to the winners' law schools in August 2027 for the 2027 - 2028 school year.

Application Requirements

To be considered for a scholarship, you **must**:

- **Complete and sign** the 3-page application and authorization
- **Include personal statement as specified in the application**
- **Attach a resume (include relevant community involvement and legal work)**
- **Submit 2 letters of recommendation**
- **Attach a copy of your undergraduate school or law school transcripts**
- **Attach a copy of the first two pages of your/your parents most recent U.S. Income Tax Return. Please redact social security numbers in order to protect your confidential information.**
- **All materials must be postmarked by November 30, 2026.** Sign completed form and mail to:

Orange County Hispanic Bar Association

P.O. Box 6130

Newport Beach, CA 92658

Attn: Scholarship

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.

December 2026/January 2027: Notification of scholarship awards will be sent.

The Orange County Hispanic Bar Association

Wally Davis Scholarship Application

Applicant's Personal Information

Last Name First Name Middle

Address Apt. Phone Number

City State Zip Date of Birth

E-mail Address

Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Single ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced

Your Occupation

Occupation of Spouse (if applicable)

Occupation of Father

Occupation of Mother

What are your parents' highest levels of formal education? Enter in the box for: Mother: ☐ Father: ☐
1- No High School 3- High School Graduate 5- 2-Year College Graduate 7- Postgraduate
2- Some High School 4- Some College 6- 4-Year College Graduate

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

High School Attended City/State: _____

G.P.A.

Undergraduate School Attended City/State: _____

G.P.A.

Law School Currently Attending City/State: _____

G.P.A. Graduation Date: _____ Current Year/Level (i.e., 1L, 2L) _____

Legal Area of Interest: Cumulative GPA: _____

LSAT score Law School Student Ranking: _____

Extracurricular Activities

List any and all volunteer and community service activities in which you have participated. For each activity, estimate and enter the approximate number of hours you spent on the activity each year. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Volunteer activities and community services		From	To	
Activity	Description of activity (note any leadership roles)	Month / Year	Month / Year	Hours per week
		/	/	
		/	/	

Financial Information

Under federal regulations, you are considered a dependent student if you are under 24 years unless you are a graduate student; are married or have dependents other than a spouse; are an orphan/ward of the court; or are a veteran of the U.S. armed services.

- If dependent**, please provide parents' 2025 total annual income (taxed and untaxed). **If independent**, please provide the total annual income (taxed and untaxed) for you (and your spouse if married). **Attach a copy of the first two (2) pages of the 2025 U.S. Income Tax Return to this application. Please redact Social Security numbers.**

Enter the total number of members living in your household: _____

Enter the ages of members in your household: _____

Please state your outstanding accumulated educational debt: _____

Please provide a copy of your financial aid summary provided by your school. For example, a FAFSA.

	Student	Parents
1. Income earned in the past 12 months	\$ _____	\$ _____
2. Expected contribution to your education	\$ _____	\$ _____
3. Total number of scholarships/grants for next school year	\$ _____	\$ _____
4. Other Income sources _____	Self \$ _____	\$ _____
	Spouse \$ _____	\$ _____

Anticipated Costs for 2027-2028 school year:

Tuition _____ Room & Board _____ Books _____ Other(specify) _____

Other Scholarships/Financial Aid You Have Received for 2026 and 2027

Please indicate any scholarships or sources of financial aid you have been awarded, and the amount of each

	Amount		Amount
1. _____	_____	2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____	4. _____	_____

Applicant Statement

On an attached sheet (typed and double-spaced), please address the following points in a maximum of 900 words:

1. Academic plans and career goals
2. One compelling issue facing the Latine community today that you have personally faced
3. What motivated you to go to law school
4. How your legal education will enable you to contribute/give back to the Latine community
5. Any special family or personal circumstances that 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 awareness of the need for 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 _____

Mail to: Orange County Hispanic Bar Association

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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 Tel. 949.760.0204

The Wally Davis Scholarship is Available to All Student Regardless of Immigration Status. Other scholarships available through the Orange County Community Foundation may be obtained at www.oc-cf.org

More information on the Hispanic Education Endowment Fund (HEEF), can be obtained at www.heef.org.

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