



# **HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOUNDATION**

## **2026 HBA-DC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**DUE DATE: Friday, October 2, 2026**



## HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION OF DC FOUNDATION

September 7, 2026

Dear Law Student:

The Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia (“HBA-DC”) is a local voluntary bar association in the District committed to the advancement and progress of Latinos in the legal profession. To further its commitment, the HBA-DC will award one or more scholarships of **\$5,000** to the selected, eligible law student(s) **in their final year** via the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia Foundation (“HBA-DC Foundation”), an independent charitable organization affiliated with the HBA-DC. Eligibility and selection criteria for the HBA-DC Scholarship along with the application procedures are set forth below.

It is important that you read the instructions before you submit an application for the HBA-DC Scholarship. Please answer all questions completely and in legible handwriting or type print. Your application will not be considered until all required materials are received. All application materials must be electronically mailed as a **single PDF file** to the Scholarship Committee at [foundation@hbadc.org](mailto:foundation@hbadc.org) **with a single PDF file copy to** the Foundation’s Vice President Edgar Class at [eclassdc@gmail.com](mailto:eclassdc@gmail.com) and the President of HBA-DC Victoria Hamscho at [president@hbadc.org](mailto:president@hbadc.org).

The HBA-DC will announce the Scholarship awardee at its Equal Justice Awards (“EJA”) Reception to be held on Friday, November 13, 2026, at the Kimpton Hotel Monaco, 700 F Street NW, Washington, DC. More information about the EJA can be found at [www.hbadc.org/page/EJAMain](http://www.hbadc.org/page/EJAMain). Additional details about the EJA will be provided to the scholarship recipient.

Thank you for your interest in the HBA-DC Scholarship. The HBA-DC and the HBA-DC Foundation wish you success in your legal career.

Sincerely,

HBA-DC Foundation Scholarship Committee



## HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION OF DC SCHOLARSHIP

### 2026 APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. Eligibility

Students who are currently enrolled and in good standing in their final year of studies for a Juris Doctor degree at an ABA-approved law school in Washington, D.C., are eligible to apply for the HBA-DC Scholarship. The Scholarship is intended to recognize and support students who have demonstrated a meaningful commitment to serving, supporting, or advancing the interests of the Hispanic and Latino community.

#### 2. Selection

The HBA-DC Foundation Scholarship Committee will select the recipient of this scholarship.

#### 3. Selection Criteria

The HBA-DC Scholarship will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- A. Accreditation. The HBA-DC Scholarship is limited to students who are attending ABA approved schools in Washington, D.C.
- B. Good standing. The applicant must submit an official law school transcript and a letter from the law school stating that the student is in good standing.
- C. Financial need. The applicant must provide sufficient documentation to establish their need for financial assistance to meet the expenses of attending law school. The information submitted should document student and family income, recent federal income tax return, financial aid received (including scholarships, grants and loans), and expenses related to attending law school. **Please redact social security numbers or federal tax identification numbers from any tax documents you submit.**
- D. Demonstrated commitment to the advancement of the Hispanic community. The application materials must reflect service to the Hispanic community, which may include active participation in the HBA-DC.
- E. Completeness. The application form and required documentation must be received by the Foundation by the deadline. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted or reviewed.

- F. Application Deadline. Scholarship applications and all required supporting documentation must be received by **11:59 p.m. EST, October 2, 2026**. Your application will not be considered after this date. Please email application as a **single PDF file**.
- G. Presentation. The scholarship recipient will be announced during the EJA reception.

#### **4. Awardee Information**

If selected as a scholarship recipient, the awardee must provide a biography and photograph, which will be featured in the EJA program. The deadline to provide the biography and photograph will be **Friday, October 23**.

#### **5. Use of Scholarship**

The purpose of the HBA-DC Scholarship is to help cover the awardee's educational expenses of tuition, books, and bar exam preparation fees while enrolled and in good standing in their final year of studies for a *Juris Doctor* degree at an ABA approved law school in Washington, D.C, as well as living expenses, namely, residential housing expenses incurred while studying for the bar exam. The Scholarship is a grant paid directly to the law student and is not a loan.

#### **6. Certification Regarding Use and Reporting Requirement**

Applicants must certify that they will use the HBA-DC Scholarship only to cover the allowable educational expenses listed in Section 5 above. The certification will include acknowledgement that the HBA-DC Foundation may rescind the Scholarship if the awardee's enrollment status changes, for example, if the awardee discontinues their law school studies or transfers to a law school outside Washington, D.C. By no later than **May 31, 2027**, the awardee must submit a *Scholarship Reporting Form* evidencing how the Scholarship funds were used. The *Scholarship Reporting Form* is attached to the application.

#### **7. Misuse of Funds**

An awardee who cannot document that the HBA-DC Scholarship funds were used to cover the allowable educational expenses and/or living expenses listed in Section 5 must repay the misused funds immediately or pursuant a restitution agreement with the HBA-DC Foundation.

#### **8. Disbursement of Scholarship**

The HBA-DC Scholarship will be paid directly to the awardee by check. Alternatively, the awardee may request that payment be made to the law school directly. The awardee is responsible for maintaining receipts for all expenses paid with the Scholarship funds for submission with the **Scholarship Reporting Form due May 31, 2027**.

#### **9. Promotional Materials**

By receiving the HBA-DC Scholarship, the awardee agrees that their name, biography, photograph, and any pictures taken at the EJA event may be used by the HBA-DC on its website, online newsletter, quarterly newsletter, social media, videos or any other promotional materials.

**HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION OF DC SCHOLARSHIP**

**2026 APPLICATION FORM**

**Section I. Personal Information**

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

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone (mobile): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Dependents (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Law School: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Year in Law School: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate School: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the type of law school program you are currently enrolled in:

\_\_\_\_\_Day/Full Time \_\_\_\_\_Evening/Part-Time

Credits Completed: \_\_\_\_\_Credits Needed to Graduate: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Point Average or Academic Standing: \_\_\_\_\_

To the best of your knowledge, are you related by blood, marriage or any other family relationship to any officer or director of the HBA-DC or the HBA-DC Foundation or to any member of the Scholarship Committee? If so, please list the member's name and relation:

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Have you previously received any financial assistance from the HBA-DC Foundation? If so, please identify the financial assistance and the year in which it was received:

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## **Section II. Financial Information (Income, Assets and Resources)**

### **FINANCIAL AID FOR PRESENT ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026:**

Total scholarships and grants:

Loans:

Special Grants (e.g., CLEO)

Work Study:

Tuition Waiver:

*Subtotal:*

### **INCOME:**

Self (per year, net after taxes and deductions):

Spouse (per year, net after taxes and deductions):

Government Benefits (per year):

Family Contribution (per year, e.g., parents):

Average Checking Account Balance (for current year):

Total Savings:

Total Investments (e.g., stocks, mutual funds, bonds, money market accounts):

*Subtotal:*

**PROPERTY:**

Real Estate (approximate value, net of mortgages and liens):

Automobile value (net of liens):

Other Assets:

*Subtotal:*

**OTHER MONTHLY EXPENSES NOT LISTED ABOVE:**

Tuition and Fees:

Books and Supplies

Rent or Mortgage:

Utilities:

Groceries:

Transportation or Car Expenses (e.g., auto insurance, gas, car payments):

Clothing:

Medical:

Child or Dependent Care (Child support)

Contribution to Family:

Credit Card Payments:

Other Expenses and Payments (describe): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Subtotal* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

What is your total credit card balance?

What is your total student loan balance?

What is your total mortgage balance?

Total debts and liabilities, other than credit card, student loans or mortgage:

### **Section III. Community Commitment (attach up to one additional page, if necessary)**

The HBA-DC Scholarship is awarded to students with financial need who demonstrate a commitment to the progress and advancement of the Hispanic community, which may include active participation in the HBA-DC. Please describe in detail your recent community and law school activities and how, as a future lawyer, you intend to contribute to the advancement of the community and the Hispanic bar.

**Section IV. Additional Factors (attach up to one additional page, if necessary)**

Please describe any additional circumstances that you believe would help the Scholarship Committee evaluate your application. You may also include a one-page resume.

## Section V. Supporting Documentation Required

1. Copy of your Financial Aid Award Letter from your law school for the year for which this scholarship will be awarded.
2. Copies of your federal tax return (or state tax return if you filed no federal return) for the prior year. **Please redact social security numbers or federal tax identification numbers from any submitted documents.** If you did not file any tax return for the prior year, please indicate below.
3. Copy of your law school transcript.
4. Letter or other official documentation from your law school indicating that you are in good standing.

## Section VI. Certification and Acknowledgment

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that, should I be awarded an HBA-DC Scholarship by the HBA-DC Foundation, I will use the Scholarship funds exclusively for tuition, books, school supplies, or bar exam preparation fees while enrolled and in good standing in my final year of studies for a *Juris Doctor* degree at an ABA-approved law school in Washington, D.C. and/or living expenses, namely, residential housing expenses incurred while studying for the bar exam.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have reviewed the Scholarship Reporting Form and agree to submit such form to the HBA-DC Foundation **no later than May 31, 2027**, along with all relevant receipts. If further agree that if I am unable to document that the HBA-DC Scholarship funds were used to cover the allowable educational expenses and/or living expenses, namely, residential housing expenses incurred while studying for the bar exam, I am obligated to repay in full the misused funds immediately or pursuant a restitution agreement with the HBA-DC Foundation.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, also certify by signing below that the statements and information provided in this application and the supporting documentation are true.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Hispanic Bar Association of DC Foundation**  
**2026-2027 Scholarship Reporting Form**

**Instructions:**

Complete this Reporting Form and submit it to [foundation@hbadc.org](mailto:foundation@hbadc.org) no later than **May 31, 2027**.

Name:

Law School:

Telephone (home):

Telephone (Mobile):

Current Address:

Email:

**Respond to all questions below and provide the requested documentation.**

1. Were you enrolled in an ABA approved law school in Washington, D.C., while pursuing a *Juris Doctor* during your final year of studies? If not, please explain in detail.

2. Did you graduate from your law school? If so, on what date? If not, explain in detail.

3. Did you use the HBA-DC Scholarship funds to cover ***only*** your allowable educational expenses of tuition, books, and/or bar exam preparation fees and/or living expenses, namely, residential housing expenses incurred while studying for the bar exam.

(a) If yes, please provide a breakdown of how the funds were used (example: \$1,000 for tuition, \$700 for books and \$800 for bar exam preparation fees) and attach copies of all relevant receipts.

(b) If no, state the amount of the HBA-DC Scholarship not used for allowable educational and/or living expenses and provide a detailed explanation as to why the funds were used in such a manner.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certify by signing below that the statements and information provided in this Scholarship Reporting Form and the supporting documentation are true.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_