

THE SOUTH ASIAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY
LAW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
INSTRUCTIONS, GUIDELINES AND RULES

Due Date: October 3, 2022

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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in a scholarship from the South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey (“SABA-NJ”). SABA-NJ is dedicated to the needs, concerns, and interests of the South Asian community in New Jersey. This year, SABA-NJ is proud to provide scholarships for current law students in the amount of \$1,500 each to commemorate SABA-NJ’s Gala.

It is important that, before you complete and submit this application, you read the Scholarship Guidelines and Rules annexed to this application and incorporated herein by reference. All scholarships shall be subject to the scholarship guidelines. **This application and all supporting documentation must be received no later than 11:59 PM EST on October 3, 2022.** The application will not be considered complete until all application materials are received but no later than October 3, 2022 at 11:59pm EST. **All applications should be electronically mailed as a single document to saba.nj.eboard@gmail.com.**

Scholarship recipients will be notified of the Scholarship Committee’s selection by October 13, 2022. SABA-NJ will award the scholarships at its Annual Gala event to be held on October 20, 2022 from 6 PM through 11 PM at the Marigold. Additional details about the event will be provided at a later date. **Please note that attendance to the event is required if you are selected to receive a scholarship.**

Thank you for your application. Please type all answers to the questions and answer each question completely and truthfully. SABA-NJ wishes you success in your legal career.

***Please note that the actual scholarship funds awarded may take up to sixty days before they are delivered to the recipient.**

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND RULES

1. Eligibility

The law students who will be eligible to receive a scholarship from SABA-NJ are (i) South Asian Americans (at least one parent must be of South Asian descent) or (ii) non-South Asian Americans who have demonstrated a substantial commitment to promoting the interests of the South Asian Community. In addition, eligible law students are those who are or were *enrolled and attending* an American Bar Association approved law school in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont during the Spring Semester of the current year.

2. Selection

The selection of the scholarship recipients will be conducted by a Scholarship Committee which will consist of officers, trustees and/or members of SABA-NJ.

3. Selection Criteria

The following are the criteria considered for the award of a scholarship by SABA-NJ:

- A. All grants/scholarships will be limited to students who are attending ABA approved schools, which qualify as “educational institutions” as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- B. The applicant must provide SABA-NJ with a law school transcript. Law school grades are one selection criteria for the scholarship.
- C. The applicant must be a student in good standing at their law school.
- D. The applicant must have been enrolled and attended law school classes during the current year.
- E. The applicant must demonstrate their participation and involvement with SABA-NJ and/or their participation and involvement with organizations at their law school or community.
- F. Applicants who have been previously selected for a scholarship may apply for this scholarship. However, the Scholarship Committee may consider past receipt of a scholarship as a criterion for awarding this year’s scholarship.

4. Application Deadline

Scholarship applications and all supporting documentation required by these guidelines must be received by 11:59 PM EST on October 3, 2022. All applications should be electronically mailed as a single document to saba.nj.eboard@gmail.com. The Scholarship application must also include a law school transcript, which must be attached separately to the email.

Failure to provide required information or documents will render your application incomplete and you will not be considered eligible for a scholarship until such time that the application is complete. Should there be a reason why any required information or documents are missing, make sure to fully explain the reasons within your application.

SABA-NJ will award scholarships at its annual Gala event to be held on October 20, 2022 from 6 PM to 11 PM at the Marigold. Receipt of actual scholarship funds may take up to sixty (60) days after the award ceremony. The selected applicants will be notified of their selection by October 13, 2022.

It is a condition of the scholarship award that scholarship recipients attend the event on October 20, 2022.

5. Nature of Scholarships

SABA-NJ will only provide grants or scholarships, not loans.

6. Certification Regarding Use

In order to ensure that all scholarship funds are used for the stated purposes, SABA-NJ may require a certification from the recipient stating that the monies will exclusively be used for educational purposes such as: payment of tuition and/or fees, purchase of books and school supplies, and bar exam preparation fees.

7. Disbursement of Scholarship

The scholarship will be granted directly to the student.

8. Promotional Materials

By applying for this scholarship, you consent to SABA-NJ having the unliteral right, permission and license to edit, film, record, publish, reprint, distribute, and otherwise make use of your name, likeness, photograph and biographical data in connection with its use and promotion of the scholarship through any distribution on social media channels, including the World Wide Web.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Section I. Personal Information

Name:	
Mailing Address:	
Permanent Address:	
Telephone(home/cell):	
Email:	
Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	
Father's Place of Birth:	
Mother's Place of Birth:	
What is your connection with the states of New Jersey, New York and/or Pennsylvania?	
Have you resided in New Jersey, New York and/or Pennsylvania and if so, when and for how long?	

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
Anticipated Date of Graduation:			
Current Grade Point Average:			
Are you a student in good standing at your law school?			
Are you a member of SABA-NJ?			
Are you related by blood, marriage or any other family relationship to any trustee, officer, director or employee of SABA-NJ or to any member of the Scholarship Committee? If so, please list the member's name and relation:			

Do you have any other relationship with any trustee, officer, director or employee of SABA-NJ or to any member of the Scholarship Committee, which may present an actual or potential conflict of interest? If so, please explain:

Have you previously received a scholarship(s) from SABA-NJ? If so, please identify the year and amount in which the scholarship(s) was received:

Section II. Essay Prompts

Please answer the following questions in a paragraph each:

1. How do you envision your involvement with SABA-NJ and the South Asian Bar?
2. What area(s) of the law are you considering for practice? What are your career goals?
3. In your opinion, what are the biggest issues relating to diversity and inclusion of South Asians in the New Jersey legal community?
4. How would you promote diversity and inclusion of South Asians in the New Jersey legal community?

Section VII. Certification

I, _____, hereby certify that, should I be awarded a scholarship by the South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey, I will use the money exclusively for educational purposes. I agree to provide the South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey satisfactory proof of said use, compliance with the attendance requirements of the law school and completion of the required course work for the term of the awarded scholarship.

I, _____, also hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that the statements and information provided in this application and the supporting documentation are true and accurate and made so that the South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey will rely on the information to make its decision to award scholarships.

Electronic Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____