

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

Due Date: August 28, 2024

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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 bar stipends and scholarships in varying amounts to current law students at SABA-NJ's annual Gala, which is being held on October 24, 2024 at 6 PM EST at The Marigold, located at 315 Churchill Avenue, Somerset, New Jersey 08873.

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 August 28, 2024.** The application will not be considered complete until all application materials are received by no later than August 28, 2024 at 11:59 PM 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 September 15, 2024. SABA-NJ will award the scholarships at its annual Gala, which is being held on October 24, 2024 at 6 PM EST at The Marigold, located at 315 Churchill Avenue, Somerset, New Jersey 08873. 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 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 Fall 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, regional representatives, 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.
- G. The applicant must be a member of SABA-NJ or must register in order to be eligible to apply for a scholarship. Law student membership to SABA-NJ is complimentary.

4. Application Deadline

Scholarship applications and all supporting documentation required by these guidelines must be received by 11:59 PM EST on August 28, 2024. 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, which is being held on October 24, 2024 at 6 PM EST at The Marigold, located at 315 Churchill Avenue, Somerset, New Jersey 08873. 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 September 15, 2024.

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. In the case of bar stipend scholarships, the applicant will be required to certify that they are not receiving reimbursement from any other source, i.e. law firm, bar exam preparation course/company, or any other third party, to cover the expenses related to bar exam preparation, including but not limited to, bar exam preparation courses, materials/books, and/or living expenses. In this case, the law student will be ineligible to apply for the stipend scholarship or accept the stipend scholarship should such a situation arise after applying for the stipend scholarship.

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 unilateral 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 state (s) do you have a connection with and in what capacity?			
Have you resided or attended school 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? If not, you must register in order to be eligible to apply for a scholarship. Law student membership to SABA-NJ is complimentary.			
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 regional representative, 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. Reflecting on your personal and academic journey thus far, what accomplishment are you most proud of and how does it align with your commitment to serving the South Asian community?
2. How can advancements in artificial intelligence contribute to addressing legal challenges faced by the South Asian community and other diverse communities?
3. Describe an innovative strategy to improve legal representation in minority communities and explain how you would assess its impact.

Section III. 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, _____, hereby certify that, if applying for or awarded a bar stipend scholarship, I am not in receipt of or will be receiving reimbursement for bar exam preparation expenses, including but not limited to, bar exam preparation courses, materials/books, or living expenses from any other third party. If so, I will be ineligible to apply, and disqualified from receiving a bar stipend from the South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey.

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: _____