

ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE COUNSEL, Southern California
DIVERSITY BAR EXAM PREP COURSE SCHOLARSHIP

Application Instructions and Eligibility Requirements

Background and Purpose:

ACC-SoCal believes that it is incumbent upon the legal community to assist in alleviating the economic burden faced by financially-challenged minority students as each student prepares for the California Bar Exam and a future in the legal profession. To help students resolve this burden, the ACC-SoCal scholarship program pays for a limited number of California Bar Exam review courses for minority students that might have otherwise had to forgo taking such courses. A limited number of recipients will be selected from applications received from qualified students who demonstrate high moral character and financial need.

Eligibility:

Eligibility is limited to full-time and part-time minority law students who (a) experienced financial hardship during their law school career and may have to forgo taking a bar review course if not for this program, (b) will graduate in spring 2021 or fall 2021 with a JD from an ABA-accredited law school in ACC-SoCal's designated region (i.e., Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Santa Barbara, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties), and (c) registered (including Moral Character Application submission) to take the California Bar Exam in July 2021 or February 2022. **Students who receive bar exam course fees from a law firm, corporate legal department, state agency, non-profit organization, or any other employer, affinity group, or program, are not eligible for the ACC-SoCal bar prep scholarship, regardless of whether the student applies those fees to living expenses instead of a bar exam preparation course.**

How to Apply:

Please provide complete, detailed answers to the application questions and all of the required attachments in a single Adobe Acrobat .pdf file format in the order set forth in this application. Applications must be typed in 12-point font and **e-mailed only to socal@accglobal.com** for our **receipt no later than 11:59:59 p.m. Pacific Time March 17, 2021**. (Due to the volume of entries, ACC-SoCal may not acknowledge receipt of applications.)

Selection Criteria:

ACC-SoCal will award scholarships on the basis of minority status, financial need, moral character, academic achievement, and community involvement. Maximum award amount will be \$1,800.

Please do not include personal information (e.g., Social Security Number, date of birth, credit card number) as part of your submission. ACC-SoCal will take reasonable steps to safeguard confidential information received from applicants, using measures not less protective than those that ACC-SoCal uses to protect its own information of a like nature.

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Application Form

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Last Name, First Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Current Law School: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Anticipated CA Bar Exam Date: _____

Community Service Activities: _____

(If applicable) My post-bar exam employer is: _____

I have already registered for a bar review class- YES/NO: If yes, I have registered with _____

and either: paid a deposit of \$_____ or paid in full the amount of \$_____.

Which of the following best describes your race or ethnicity? (circle or check one)

Hispanic or Latino

White (Not Hispanic or Latino)

Black or African American (Not Hispanic or Latino)

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (Not Hispanic or Latino)

Asian (Not Hispanic or Latino)

Native American or Alaska Native (Not Hispanic or Latino)

Two or more races (Not Hispanic or Latino) - All persons who identify with more than one of the above five races.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO ATTACH TO THIS APPLICATION:

- Personal statement describing your financial hardship during your law school career and what you will personally do to help expand diversity in the legal profession after admission to the California Bar. (Statement should be 250 words or fewer, typewritten in Times New Roman font with 12-point typeface, double-spaced, with one-inch margins.)
- Typed resume
- Law school transcript
- Confirmation letter from your law school delineating financial aid received for the current academic year (i.e., 2020-2021)
- Electronic confirmation showing proof of payment for the 2021 California Bar Exam
- Electronic confirmation showing proof of payment for your Moral Character application
- Copy of your dated California Bar Exam-eligible MPRE score from the NCBE; or, if not taken, electronic confirmation showing proof of payment for a 2021 MPRE

OPTIONAL DOCUMENTS TO ATTACH TO THIS APPLICATION:

- Letter of recommendation from your law professor sent by separate e-mail directly from the law professor's law school e-mail account to social@accglobal.com
- If currently employed or previously employed, letter of recommendation from employer sent by e-mail directly from the employer's e-mail account to social@accglobal.com

*** SUBMIT DOCUMENTS IN THE ORDER INDICATED ABOVE, COMBINED INTO ONE ADOBE ACROBAT FILE ***

I CONFIRM AND AGREE THAT:

This is the first and only bar exam I have ever taken in any state, territory, province, or country.

I have submitted complete and accurate copies of all required documents.

If I receive or am entitled to receive any other form of financial aid or reimbursement for the cost of a California Bar Exam prep course, I will immediately reimburse ACC-SoCal for the value of its scholarship.

I will participate in personal interviews with the ACC-SoCal Diversity Committee, if requested.

If I am selected as a grantee, ACC-SoCal may use my name, likeness, bio, and any information about me in any communication, news article, or promotional stories.

I voluntarily agree to take BarBri, Bar Passers, Kaplan, Themis, or any other ACC-SoCal Diversity Committee-approved California Bar Exam review course and will complete all required coursework.

Each award has a maximum dollar amount, and if I select a bar review program other than one approved by the ACC-SoCal Diversity Committee, I may not receive the entire amount of the California Bar Exam prep course stipend for such bar review program.

I will promptly advise ACC-SoCal of my California Bar Exam results.

As an applicant and potential grantee, I agree that in exchange for grant consideration or actual grant, I will take no action, in law or equity, under contract or otherwise, against ACC Global, ACC-SoCal, or any of their respective officers, directors, employees, contractors, and/or committee members with respect to this scholarship program or my personal results.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____