

# ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE COUNSEL, Southern California BAR EXAM PREP COURSE STIPEND/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 students as each student prepares for the California Bar Exam and a future in the legal profession. To help students bear this burden, the ACC-SoCal scholarship program pays for a limited number of California Bar Exam review courses for students with financial hardship who might otherwise have had to forgo them. 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 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 2026 or Fall 2026 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 to take the California Bar Exam in July 2026 or February 2027.

### **How to Apply:**

Please provide complete, detailed answers to the application questions and all the required attachments in a single envelope. Please return your completed application along with the required supporting documentation set forth below to:

**ACC/C/O: Shannon Keany**

Applications must be typed in 12-point typeface and **emailed to [s.keany@accglobal.com](mailto:s.keany@accglobal.com) in a single PDF by April 3, 2026.** Please send questions to [s.keany@accglobal.com](mailto:s.keany@accglobal.com). (Due to the volume of entries, ACC-SoCal may not acknowledge receipt of applications.)

### **Selection Criteria:**

ACC-SoCal will award the scholarships on the basis of financial need, moral character, academic achievement, community involvement, and disadvantaged socioeconomic background, or status as being first in their family to go to college or to law school, or experiences of overcoming personal or systemic hardships and disadvantages, including challenges overcome, skills built, or lessons learned that have shaped the applicant's identity or perspective.

ACC-SoCal will take reasonable steps to safeguard confidential information received from applicants, using measures no less protective than those that ACC-SoCal uses to protect its own information of 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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I have registered for a bar review class- YES/NO: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, I have registered with \_\_\_\_\_ and either: (1) paid a deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or (2) paid in full the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

How was the review course paid for? (check, credit card, loan, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

*Funding of scholarship is paid out after proof of payment to the prep course.*

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO ATTACH TO THIS APPLICATION:**

(1) Personal statement describing:

(a) your financial hardship during your law school career, and explaining your community involvement, and

(b) You're having a disadvantaged socioeconomic background, or status as being first in your family to go to college or to law school, or experience of overcoming personal or systemic hardships and disadvantages, including challenges overcome, skills built, or lessons learned that have shaped your identity and/or perspective, and

(c) What you will personally do to help promote fairness and equal opportunity in the legal profession after admission to the California Bar.

Your personal statement should be no more than 350 words, typewritten in Times New Roman font with 12-point typeface, double-spaced, with one-inch margins.

- (2) Typed resume.
- (3) Official or unofficial law school transcript.
- (4) Award letter showing financial aid received for the current academic year (i.e., 2025-2026).
- (5) A copy of your California Bar Exam registration receipt and proof of payment.

**I 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 Bar stipend.

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, information about me, and my likeness in any news article or promotional story.

I will voluntarily agree to take the BarBri, Bar Passers, or 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 that is not approved by the ACC-SoCal Diversity Committee, I may not receive the full amount of the Bar Exam prep course stipend for that program.

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

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

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Personal statement
- Resume
- Transcripts
- Letter showing financial aid for 25/26
- Intent to graduate from an accredited law school in Spring or Fall 2026
- School is in Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Riverside, San Bernardino, or Santa Barbara Counties