LA RAZA LAWYERS ASSOCIATION – CENTRAL VALEY CHAPTER
HON. MARIO G. OLMOS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Depending on the number of scholarships awarded, the scholarships can vary in amount. Most recently, the amounts have varied from $1,000 to $3,000.

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must be presently enrolled in the first, second, third or fourth year of legal study.

Applicants who have been accepted to a law school, but who are not enrolled during the current academic year are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Applicants who have previously been admitted to law school, but who are no longer enrolled during the current academic year, without good cause, are not eligible to apply for this scholarship. If applicable and good cause exists, please explain: (a) the basis for the present leave of absence from enrollment; (b) the anticipated duration of such leave of absence; and (c) the date of anticipated re-enrollment.

DEADLINE:

Applications must be received on or before January 20, 2012, and mailed or e-mailed to:

Erica C. Gonzalez
Treasurer, La Raza Lawyers Association
P.O. Box 748
Fresno, CA 93712
erica@mmcenter.org

Questions can be directed to Erica Gonzalez at (559) 487-1335 or erica@mmcenter.org. Email inquiries are preferred.

NOTE:

If awarded a scholarship, the recipient will be requested to submit a current photograph and short biography on or before February 3, 2012, for inclusion in the banquet program, and will be expected to attend the Scholarship Banquet on Friday evening, March 2, 2012, in Fresno, CA.
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NAME: _______________________________________________________________________
HOME ADDRESS: _______________________________________________________________
CITY: _____________________________ STATE: ________ ZIP: _______________________ 
TELEPHONE: ______________________ EMAIL: ________________________________

MAILING ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________
CITY: _____________________________ STATE: ________ ZIP: _______________________ 

Name of Law School Presently Attending: ___________________________________________
Law School Address: ____________________________________________________________
GPA _______ (Cumulative)

Expected Graduation Date (Mo/Yr): ___________________

Estimated Yearly Tuition: $ __________ Estimated Yearly Cost of Books and Supplies: $ __________ Other Education Related Expenses: $ __________ [Please list these expenses on a separate sheet of paper.]

Applicant’s Annual Income: $ __________________ [Please list on a separate sheet of paper income derived from all sources, including, but not limited to, income from employment, spouse’s employment, parents’ financial assistance, financial aid, grants, other scholarships, gifts, etc.]

Provide the names and ages of all dependents, including spouse, for which you provide financial support:

________________________________________________ ___________________
Applicant’s Signature Date

Please provide a typed personal statement of **three pages or less**, 12 point font, in which you respond to the following questions:

1. What do you consider to be the most significant event in your life and how did this event impact your desire to attend law school?

2. What community organizations or activities have you participated in or are currently participating in to advance the social, economic, or legal equality for the poor, minorities, and women?

3. How do you plan to use your law school education to advance the social, economic, and legal equality for the poor, minorities, and women of the San Joaquin Valley?

4. If you are a past recipient of this scholarship, please specify the year you were awarded the scholarship and articulate why you feel you should be considered for another scholarship.

You may attach up to three letters of recommendation from non-relatives. The letters of recommendation may also be mailed separately to the address indicated on the first page, but must be postmarked by the application deadline to be considered.

By signing below, I affirm that all information contained in this application and in any attachments submitted in support thereof are true and correct. I also acknowledge and agree that any false statement or misrepresentation of any material fact submitted for the purpose of determining my eligibility for this scholarship will result in disqualification and that I will be required to repay any scholarship monies received.

________________________________________________ ___________________
Applicant’s Signature Date