



ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
OF THE GREATER BAY AREA

2021 AABA Law Foundation Scholarships and Summer Grants

The Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area (AABA) and the AABA Law Foundation are now accepting applications for the 2021 AABA Law Foundation law student scholarships and summer grants. **Applications are due on March 22, 2021.**

Scholarships and Summer Grants

All applicants will be considered for one of the following scholarships and summer grants. Last year, the AABA Law Foundation awarded four scholarships and two summer grants - each in the amount of \$5,000. The Foundation also awarded three summer stipends in the amount of \$2,500 each. The amount of each scholarship this year will depend on the financial needs of the applicant pool, but it is likely that we will award at least four scholarships and two summer grants of \$5,000 each in 2021.

Asian Pacific American Judges' Scholarship

Each year, the Foundation awards the Asian Pacific American Judges' Scholarship through contributions from Asian Pacific American judges.

Raymond L. Ocampo Jr. Family Scholarship

Each year, the Foundation awards the Raymond L. Ocampo Jr. Family Scholarship, in memory of Mr. Ocampo's parents and in honor of immigrants like them, for the enormous sacrifices they made and the untold hardships they endured in search of a better life for their families.

Joe Morozumi Scholarship

Each year, the Foundation awards the Joe Morozumi Scholarship to a law student who has demonstrated a commitment to public interest law, especially low-income, direct legal services. Joe Morozumi was a fearless, tireless, zealous advocate for justice for the poor and the powerless. Through the generosity of Michael G.W. Lee, Joan Haratani, Dale Minami, and other donors, the Foundation awards the Joe Morozumi Scholarship to honor his spirit, passion for justice, and his advocacy for the poor and the underrepresented.

AABA Law Foundation Scholarship

Each year, AABA raises money for the AABA Law Foundation, and awards the AABA Law Foundation Scholarship to a deserving law student.

Salle Yoo and Jeff Gray Charitable Foundation Summer Scholarship Grants

The AABA Salle Yoo and Jeff Gray Charitable Foundation Summer Scholarship Grants will be awarded to a law student who will be serving as a judicial intern and a law student who has a public interest or public service internship for the summer.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

All current law students are eligible to apply, but preference is given to first and second-year law students at a San Francisco Bay Area school (Stanford University, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Hastings, University of San Francisco, Golden Gate University, Santa Clara University, or McGeorge School of Law). Selection criteria include past, present and future community service or public interest work for the Asian Pacific American (APA) community or other underrepresented communities; demonstrated leadership in the APA community; demonstrated financial need; and past, present and future commitment to the Bay Area.

If selected as a finalist, the applicant will interview with a scholarship committee sometime in May 2021. The AABA Law Foundation also requires that all scholarship recipients:

- Attend the AABA Annual Gala or reception, which, if in-person attendance is possible will take place during the summer in San Francisco; if an in-person event is not possible, there will be a later virtual event;
- Become a Law Student Member of AABA; and
- Become a Lawyer Member of AABA upon graduation from law school.

Key Dates

March 22, 2021	Scholarship applications due
May 2021	Interviews of finalists
Summer or later	Recipients recognized at the AABA Annual Gala or reception



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Application and Instructions**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Alternate Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Are you a member of AABA? Yes No

Law School: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

2021 Summer Employment (if known): _____

Are you the first person in your immediate family to attend law school in the United States?

Yes No

Law School GPA: _____

Law School Honors and Activities:

Undergraduate School: _____

Degree: _____

Major: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Undergraduate Honors and Activities:

Graduate School (if applicable): _____

Degree: _____

Major: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Languages Spoken: _____

Fluency: _____

Education Level of Father: _____

Occupation of Father: _____

Education Level of Mother: _____

Occupation of Mother: _____

Financial Aid Information:

Non-Loans: _____

Loans: _____

Grants: _____

Scholarships: _____

Campus Job or Work/Study Earnings: _____

Federal Loans: _____

Private Loans: _____

Outstanding Student Loan Debt: _____

Undergraduate: Graduate (if applicable): _____

Total Law School Debt: _____

Optional Statement of Financial Circumstances:

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please submit a completed Application Form, a resume, and a personal statement of no more than three pages, double-spaced, discussing any one or a combination of the following topics:

(1) Over the past few years, we have witnessed the rise of a number of Asian Americans to prominent leadership posts in and out of the law (*i.e.*, Vice President Kamala Harris; Tani Cantil-Sakauye as the Chief Justice and Associate Justices Goodwin Liu and Ming Chin of the California Supreme Court; Judge Lucy Koh, US District Court Judge; David Chiu, California State Assembly Member, etc.). What characteristics have made these leaders successful and how would you exhibit these same qualities?

(2) What do you see as a pressing issue or concern facing the Asian American community, and what role do you see yourself playing in advocating for or engaging in such an issue?

and/or

(3) What has been your experience in overcoming economic or other discriminatory barriers, and what role do you see yourself playing in advocating for others faced with economic or other discriminatory barriers?

If you are not currently a law student at a San Francisco Bay Area law school (Stanford University, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Hastings, University of San Francisco, Golden Gate University, Santa Clara University, or McGeorge School of Law), please explain in a separate statement (no more than one page), your commitment to serving the Asian Pacific American community in the Bay Area.

Please submit all applications by **March 22, 2021** via e-mail to aaba.bayarea@gmail.com.

Finalists will be notified if they are selected for an interview by **the latter part of April 2021**.

Interviews will be held **in May 2021**.

Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Asian American Bar Association Annual Gala or reception during the summer in San Francisco, if possible, or at a later virtual event.