# 2025 LAW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Santa Clara County La Raza Lawyers Charitable Foundation (the “Charitable Foundation”) is pleased to announce the availability of the 2025 Law Student Scholarship Application. Since 1998, the Charitable Foundation has awarded scholarship monies to Bay Area Latino law students whose contributions to and activities in the community have encouraged and advanced the social, cultural, economic, and legal equality of the underserved and underprivileged, especially those in the Latino community.

# SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION: This year, the Charitable Foundation will award one (1) $20,000 scholarship and at least $10,000 in additional scholarships awards and/or stipends. By submitting an application, you are eligible to receive any scholarship award provided above. Applications open on JULY 30, 2025 and close on SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

**ELGIBILITY:**

The scholarship grants are available to law students who meet the following criteria:

1. Are from the Bay Area (The Foundation will decide on a case-by-case basis if student meets this criterion);

**-OR-**

Attend law school for a JD Program at Santa Clara University, Lincoln Law School, UC Berkeley, the Monterey College of Law, the University of San Francisco, UC Law San Francisco, Stanford, UC Davis, or McGeorge;

1. Are PRESENTLY enrolled in law school (as a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year);
2. Demonstrate a commitment to advancing the social, economic, and legal equity of underserved and underprivileged communities, as evidenced by community and extracurricular activities;
3. Demonstrate a financial need.

*The Foundation may, but is not required to, consider other compelling criteria.*

**TERMS**: The scholarship awards/grants/stipends may be used to assist with living expenses, tuition, books, bar-study related expenses, or anything else you may need to further your legal education.

**DETAILS:** Scholarship recipients will be notified by **OCTOBER 17, 2025**. The awards will be given at the Scholarship Dinner. **BY APPLYING TO THIS SCHOLARSHIP, YOU AGREE TO BE PRESENT AT THE SCHOLARSHIP DINNER ON NOVEMBER 14, 2025.** (Each receipient will be provided an additional dinner ticket to be accompanied by a friend/family member.) Further, prior to the dinner, all recipients are required to provide a current professional headshot and a short biography that will be published by the Charitable Foundation in the event program, marketing materials, and on the website. Lastly, awardees may be asked to prepare 5-10 minute remarks to be shared at the dinner.

**SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**: Your application and supporting documents must be submitted as

**ONE (1) SINGLE PDF FILE** in the following format: “lastname\_firstname” (example: Sotomayor\_Sonia) to the following email address: [scclarazafoundationscholarship@gmail.com.](mailto:scclarazafoundationscholarship@gmail.com.) Applications submitted in other formats will not be considered.

**DEADLINE:** YOUR APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025,** **BY 11:59 P.M.**, AND MUST BE TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY. NO EXTENSIONS SHALL BE GIVEN AND NO EXCEPTIONS SHALL BE MADE. EARLY SUBMISSION OF YOUR APPLICATION IS **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** TO AVOID TECHNICAL OR OTHER TYPES OF ISSUES RELATED TO SUBMISSION.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Charitable Foundation reserve all rights to change the criteria for awarding these scholarships without prior notice, as well as extending the application’s deadline. Personal information supplied by applicants will be used solely for purposes related to the scholarship. By submitting an application, each applicant agrees that all submitted materials are property of the Charitable Foundation and application materials will not be returned to any applicants.

Any and all questions shall be directed to the Scholarship Committee via email at [scclarazafoundationscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:scclarazafoundationscholarship@gmail.com).