

ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE COUNSEL, Southern California
DIVERSITY 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 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 who 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 2024 or fall 2024 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 2024 or February 2025.

How to Apply:

Please provide complete, detailed answers to the application questions and all of 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 Betty St. Marie
14612 Margate Street
Sherman Oaks, CA 91411

Applications must be typed in 12-point typeface and **postmarked no later than March 30, 2024**, for our **receipt no later than April 5, 2024**. In the alternative, students may e-mail submissions for our receipt no later than 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time March 30, 2024, or send questions to socal@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 minority status, financial need, moral character, academic achievement, and community involvement.

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: _____

I have 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 \$_____.

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

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 explaining 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 less, typewritten in Times New Roman font with 12-point typeface, double-spaced, with one-inch margins.)
- Typed resume
- Official or unofficial law school transcript
- Award letter showing financial aid received for the current academic year (i.e., 2023-2024)
- 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 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 regarding me, and my likeness in any news article or promotional stories.

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 other than one approved by the ACC SoCal Diversity Committee, I may not receive the entire amount of the Bar Exam prep course stipend for such Bar review 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 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: _____