# **ACC San Diego Diversity and Financial Need Scholarship Application Instructions and Eligibility Requirements**

### Purpose: The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial support for historically marginalized students as defined by the ABA diversity criteria that have demonstrated academic achievement, financial need, and desire to be a part of the San Diego legal community, particularly the in-house counsel community. ACC San Diego understands the economic burden many law school students face in pursuing a future in the legal profession. To help, ACC San Diego has put together a scholarship program to help address the financial gap many students face in paying for bar preparation expenses such as a prep course or books, and the bar application fees.

### Selection Criteria: ACC San Diego will select a limited number of recipients (not to exceed three recipients) to receive a financial scholarship based on the selection and eligibility criteria below. The total amount of scholarships to be distributed at the discretion of ACC San Diego shall not exceed $10,000. ACC San Diego will award such scholarships on the basis of diversity criteria, expressed financial need, academic performance, and expressed contributions to the in-house legal community. The determination of the number and selection of award participants, as well as the amount of award to each selected recipient is at the sole discretion of ACC San Diego. Applications, materials and essays will be reviewed by the ACC San Diego Chapter Executive Committee.

### Eligibility Criteria:

* Member of a historically marginalized community as defined by the ABA diversity criteria; and
* Demonstrate financial need (via Personal Statement); and
* Currently enrolled in a San Diego ABA accredited law school with graduation expected in 2024 or graduated from San Diego ABA accredited law school in the past year (2023);
* Focus on and intent to practice in-house; and
* Intent to practice in San Diego after passing the bar.

### Application Period: January 2, 2024, to March 15, 2024

### How to Apply: Please provide detailed answers to the application questions and all of the required supporting documentation. Please return your completed application along with the required supporting documentation via email to [ACCSanDiego@accglobal.com](mailto:ACCSanDiego@accglobal.com) with the subject: ATTN: Scholarship Application. Applications must be received no later than Friday, March 15, 2024 (11:59 pm). If you have questions with respect to this application, please e-mail your question in one email to [ACCSanDiego@accglobal.com](mailto:ACCSanDiego@accglobal.com) with the subject: ATTN: Question re Scholarship.

# **ACC San Diego Diversity and Financial Need Scholarship Application Form**

## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Last Name, First Name:

Address:

City, State, ZIP:

Phone Number: Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current Law School:

Graduation Date:

Anticipated CA Bar Exam Date:

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION:

* Personal statement. Please respond to all three topics (150-200 word/per topic):
  + Describe your diverse background and commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion in the legal community.
  + Describe how you plan to contribute to the San Diego legal community after law school, specifically the in-house community.
  + Explain your financial need and why you need the scholarship.
* Resume
* Unofficial Law School Transcript
* Up to two letters of recommendation (optional)