



2016 Scholarship Application

Submission Deadline: August 15, 2016

Scholarship Requirements

The Puerto Rican Bar Scholarship Fund, Inc. (“Scholarship Fund”) proudly announces that its yearly scholarship is open to law students of Puerto Rican and Latino descent and those who attend New York law schools. Our scholarships are open to law students who add to the cause of diversity regardless of race or gender. To qualify for this scholarship, a candidate must be a full-time student at an ABA accredited law school.

The goal of the Scholarship Fund is to create and promote diversity in the legal profession by providing financial awards to Puerto Rican and Latino law students. This year we will be providing four scholarships in the amount of \$4,000.00 each to be awarded to applicants who best meet the following criteria:

- ✓ Demonstrates Academic Excellence
- ✓ Exhibits Meaningful Community Involvement
- ✓ Exhibits Dedication to the Advancement of Minority through the Legal Process
- ✓ Committed to Diversity and Inclusion in the Profession

Applications must include four recommendations, one each from the following individuals:

- A. Dean, Associate Dean, or professor where the student is attending law school
- B. A law student who is a member of LLSA or the Puerto Rican Bar Association
- C. An individual who is personally acquainted with the applicant, but who is not related by blood line or adoption.
- D. A former employer of the applicant

Additionally, each applicant must include a cover letter with his or her application. In that cover letter each applicant should identify his or her academic, personal, and professional accomplishments and how those accomplishments qualify him or her for a Scholarship Fund award.

Essay Requirements

In addition to submitting the Scholarship Fund application and recommendations, applicants must complete a legal commentary. When answering the essay question, please include your personal involvement in the Puerto Rican and Latino community. The essay word limitation is 2,500. The topic chosen this year:

Why is it important to have Puerto Rican and Latino attorneys in the legal profession?



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Completed applications must be **received by August 15, 2016**. Scholarship recipients will be notified in advance and officially announced at the Puerto Rican Bar Association Scholarship Fund, Inc. Fundraiser Dinner Dance Gala to be held on Thursday, September 29, 2016 from 6:30 p.m to 10:30 p.m at The Lighthouse, Pier 61, Chelsea Piers.

Incomplete or late or applications will not be considered.

All applications, essays and required materials must be submitted in hard copy format to:

Carmen A. Pacheco, Esq.
Chairperson
Puerto Rican Bar Association Scholarship Fund, Inc.
c/o Pacheco & Lugo, PLLC
Attorneys at Law
340 Atlantic Avenue
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PART A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Last First M.I.

Mailing Address: _____

Street Address Apt/Unit #

City State Zip Code

Permanent Address: _____

Street Address Apt/Unit #

City State Zip Code

Email Address: _____

PART B. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

High School: _____

City State Zip Code

Undergraduate Institution: _____

City State Zip Code

Dates of Attendance: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

Degree Earned: _____

Honors, Awards or Special Recognition: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

Community Service: _____

Undergraduate Institution: _____

City State Zip Code

Dates of Attendance: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

Degree Earned: _____

Honors, Awards or Other Special Recognition: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

Community Service: _____



Graduate Institution: _____

 City State Zip Code

Dates of Attendance: _____ Date of Graduation: _____
 Degree Earned: _____
 Honors, Awards or Special Recognition: _____
 Extracurricular Activities: _____
 Community Service: _____

Graduate Institution: _____

 City State Zip Code

Dates of Attendance: _____ Date of Graduation: _____
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 Extracurricular Activities: _____
 Community Service: _____

Law School: _____

 City State Zip Code

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Dates of Attendance: _____ Date of Graduation: _____
 Degree Earned: _____
 Honors, Awards or Other Special Recognition: _____
 Extracurricular Activities: _____
 Community Service: _____

Date of Birth: _____
 Month/day/year

Ethnicity: _____
 Check as many as applies: Puerto Rican Hispanic Multi-Racial African American
 Asian American Native American Caucasian Other: _____.



PART C: COMMUNITY SERVICE

Describe participation and contribution to community activities. In your response, please include dates, name of the organization, position, and activity.



PART D: WORK EXPERIENCE

Kindly describe work experience. Also attach your resume to this application. Include dates, name of entities, as well as position held at each entity.



Part E: Additional Information

You may submit a single page attachment in response to this Part E.

Are you Puerto Rican or of Puerto Rican descent? Yes No

If “yes” then please provide from what “*pueblo*” your family originated from in Puerto Rico. Please tell us what you know about your *pueblo*.

Are you or your family from Latin America? Yes No

If “yes” then please provide from where your family immigrated in Latin America. Please tell us what you know about your family country and/or province.

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor? Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of a Felony? Yes No

Have you been convicted of a DUI? Yes No

If “yes” then please provide an explanation.



PART F: PUERTO RICAN BAR ASSOCIATION HISTORY

The Puerto Rican Bar Association, Inc. was founded in 1957 by a group of Puerto Rican and Latino attorneys who began gathering socially to offer one another both personal and professional support in an era when it was difficult for Puerto Rican and Latino attorneys to be accepted as members in established bar associations. At that time, the Puerto Rican Bar Association focused its efforts on addressing the concerns of a rapidly growing Puerto Rican community and the legal services it required. Today, the Puerto Rican Bar Association is one of the oldest and largest ethnic bar associations in New York State representing the interests of attorneys, judges, law professors and students who share a common interest in fostering professional development in the legal community generally and addressing issues that are important to the Puerto Rican and other Latino communities.

The idea of a bar association that would meet the needs of Latino attorneys existed many years prior to 1957. As early as 1934, a few attorneys servicing the Puerto Rican community began to organize and subsequently formed the Pan-American Lawyers' Association. Subsequently, in the mid 1940's, the Spanish-American Bar Association was organized which, in 1957, became the present day Puerto Rican Bar Association. The original incorporators of the Puerto Rican Bar Association were Rafael Descartes, Francisco Rodriguez Jr., Bart Ortiz, Sixto Laureano, and Oscar Gonzalez Suarez. Among the members of the committee who drafted the original Bylaws were Felipe N. Torres, Chairman, who was the first Puerto Rican New York City Family Court Judge and who previously had served as the first Puerto Rican Assemblyman from The Bronx; Oscar Garcia Rivera, Sr., the first Puerto Rican New York State Assemblyman representing East Harlem, and the first President of the Puerto Rican Bar Association; Emilio Nuñez, who was the first Latino judge and who later served as a Justice of the New York State, Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department; and attorneys Jose Quiñones, Roberto Lebron, Sr., Luis Garcia, and Manuel Nelson Zapata.

Please provide us with information you know about the Puerto Rican Bar Association and its mission besides what is provided in this part of the application. If applicable, also provide information as to whether you have participated in events or committees of the Puerto Rican Bar Association. You may submit a single page attachment in response to this Part E.



PART E: APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

I certify that I am a law student in good standing who is currently enrolled in an ABA accredited school. I hereby certify that the answers contained herein are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Puerto Rican Bar Association will be relying on my representations in order to award a scholarship to me.

Signature: _____

Date: _____