



PUERTO RICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

The Puerto Rican Bar Association (PRBA) Scholarship Program for Law Students

The Puerto Rican Bar Association is pleased to announce the 2014 Puerto Rican Bar Association (PRBA) Scholarship Program for Latino law students. The PRBA, founded in New York in 1957, is one of the oldest Latino bar associations in the United States. Today, the PRBA continues its tradition of breaking down barriers to the legal profession with active members throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

The PRBA awards individual scholarships ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000 based on the funds raised by the PRBA.

All Latino students attending law school in New York or who are permanent residents of New York are eligible to apply. PRBA selects recipients based on community involvement, financial need and academic promise. All applicants must be entering their first, second, or third year (third year evening students who are entering their fourth year may also apply) of a JD degree program at an American Bar Association (ABA) approved law school. Students working towards their LL.M. are NOT eligible for this award.

If you are an entering law student (entering the Fall of 2014) you **MUST** have been accepted into law school and have confirmed your attendance to be eligible to receive this award.

Deadline: Received by Friday, April 18, 2014

All scholarship candidates *must* submit a **complete and accurate** application along with the required supplemental materials **received by April 18, 2014** to be considered.

**PRBA Scholarship Fund
c/o Borah Goldstein
377 Broadway, 6th Floor
New York, New York 10013
Email: scholarship@prba.net**

Scholarship recipients will be notified by April 30, 2014.



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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. **Scholarship Application.** The application **MUST** be completed in its entirety and signed. Please print or type.
2. **Official Transcript.** Please submit a copy of your latest official transcript. If you are a first year law student, please submit an official undergraduate transcript. You may also submit your first semester's grades if they are released before our application deadline.
3. **Resume** (two-page limit).
4. **Financial Aid Notice/Letter.** Financial aid notice *from your school* indicating the amount awarded for the 2014/2015 academic year OR a letter from your school that states you are not eligible to receive aid.
5. **1040 Tax Form.** Include a copy of your most recent tax form filed, and if applicable, your spouse's form (if filed separately). *If for any reason you did not file an income tax return, you must provide an explanation.*
6. **Personal Statement.** A personal statement discussing your career goals, school and community activities, and any activities demonstrating your commitment to serve the Latino community (two-page limit).
7. **Recommendation Letters.** Up to two letters of recommendation are *optional*. Letters should specifically comment on your academics, professional skills and/or public interest/community work. All letters should be addressed to:

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General Instructions

Please read the application carefully, follow the instructions and complete **ALL** required sections. An incomplete application will **NOT** be considered.

1. Print/type carefully so that your form will be easy to read.
2. Round off figures to the nearest dollar.
3. If the question does not apply to you, do not leave it blank. Put “N/A” in the answer space.
4. Explain all items marked with an asterisk (*) or special circumstances that may affect your financial situation.
5. Make sure to **SIGN** the form. **An application without a signature will not be accepted.**

Special Instructions

1. Please make sure that you provide an address and telephone number where you may be reached in late April.
2. If you are living with a non-marital spouse (domestic partner or any significant other), please provide all the requested information under the sections entitled “spouse.”
3. In section VII, please provide totals for the twelve (12) month period (August through July).
4. Provide the total amount of scholarships and/or grants awarded to you. Please also indicate the total amount of loans you will receive.
5. In section VIII, itemize the type of scholarship, loan and special award you will receive.

Other Expenses

1. If rent and utilities are shared, please indicate the amount you contribute towards payment.
2. Transportation expenses while in school (during nine-month academic year) should reflect transportation expenses to and from law school only.
3. Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary to explain or describe any additional or extraordinary circumstances.



Please print or type. Please read the instructions carefully before completing the application.

I. General Information

Full Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Sex _____ Last four digits of Social Security Number _____

Place of Birth _____ Father's _____ Mother's _____

Ethnic/Racial Background. Check the appropriate ethnic/racial designation(s):

African American Asian/Pacific Islander Chicano/Mexican American

Dominican Native American Puerto Rican

Other Latino (specify) _____ Other (specify) _____ Caucasian

PRESENT MAILING ADDRESS

PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS

Street _____

Street _____

City _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____
(Please specify if this is a mobile number)

Home Telephone (_____) _____

Business Telephone (_____) _____

Email: _____
(Please print clearly)

II. Scholarship Information

1. Have you previously applied for a scholarship award from the Puerto Rican Bar Association? YES () NO ()

2. Have you ever received a scholarship from the Puerto Rican Bar Association? YES () NO ()
Amount of Award and year granted: \$ _____ Year _____



III. Educational Background

List in order of attendance all colleges, universities and graduate schools that you have attended.

School Name	Dates of Attendance/ Graduation, Degree	Major/Fields of Study

IV. Law School

Name of the Law School you are attending (*Reminder: you must be currently enrolled to apply*):

Date you entered law school _____ Date you expect to graduate _____

Total number of credits needed to graduate: _____ Number of credits completed _____

The 2014 - 2015 academic year is your 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ 4th* _____ year in law school. (*You may apply if you are currently a third year evening student and 2014-2015 will be your 4th year).

V. Personal

Marital and Dependency Status: { } Single { } *Married/Domestic Partner/Living with Significant Other

*Spouse's Name _____ Spouse's Employer _____

Spouse's Occupation _____ Business Telephone (____) _____



Dependents (if applicable, please include spouse if spouse is dependent on you):

Names of Dependents	Relation to Applicant	Age	Amount of Support

During the school year, the applicant will live: () On Campus () Off Campus () With Parents

Explain any particular or special living situations, which the PRBA should consider below:

VI. Current Employment (Describe nature of work and position.)

Name and Address of Employer: _____

Hours of Work (per week) _____ Wages Earned _____
 (Please specify whether wages are weekly, monthly, etc.)



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VII. EXPENSES AND RESOURCES

Please estimate for the 2014/2015 academic year. Use a 12-month period: 8/1/14 through 7/31/15. (Your estimate may be based on your current year's budget.)

RESOURCES

- 1. Scholarships/Grants* _____
- 2. Loans* _____
- 3. Special Awards (eg CLEO) _____
- 4. Work Study _____
- 5. Tuition Waiver _____
- Total Financial Aid Award Anticipated:** _____
- 6. Student Earnings _____
- 7. Spouse's Earnings _____
- 8. Spouse's Financial Aid _____
- 9. Government Benefits _____
- 10. Family Contribution* _____
- 11. Savings* _____
- 12. Other resources _____

Subtotal (6 – 12): _____

Total Annual Resources: _____

EXPENSES

- 1. Tuition/Fees _____
- 2. Books/Supplies _____
- 3. Transportation* _____
- 4. Rent/Mortgage _____
- 5. Utilities _____
- 6. Living Expenses (Food/clothing) _____
- 7. Spouse's Education _____
- 8. Child Care _____
- 9. Other Expenses* _____

Total Annual Expenses: _____

VIII. Resources and Expenses: Itemize and explain each resource marked with an asterisk (*) above.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.

IX. Signature



I certify that the information reported on this application is complete and accurate:

Signature

Date

Name (Print)

Please mail or email your completed application along with all supporting documentation to be received by *April 18, 2014* to:

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Thank you. We look forward to receiving your application.