



La Raza Lawyers  
Charitable Foundation  
Santa Clara County

## **2017 LAW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

The La Raza Lawyers Charitable Foundation, working in conjunction with the Santa Clara County La Raza Lawyers Association, is pleased to announce the availability of the 2017 Law Student Scholarship Application. Since 1998, these grants have been awarded to Bay Area 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/a community.

### **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:**

For **2017 only**, the Charitable Foundation will award one scholarship for \$20,000.00. The Charitable Foundation will also award up to three scholarship grants in the amount of \$5,000.00 each. Additional smaller scholarships may be awarded depending on available funds. Your application makes you eligible for **all** scholarships and any other awards.

**ELGIBILITY:** The scholarship grants are available to law students who:

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 at Santa Clara University, Lincoln Law School, UC Berkeley, the Monterey College of Law, the University of San Francisco, UC Hastings, Stanford, Golden Gate University, UC Davis, or McGeorge;
2. Are a PRESENTLY enrolled law student (1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4<sup>th</sup> year);
3. Demonstrate a commitment to legal equality of the underserved and underprivileged, as evidenced by community and extracurricular activities;
4. Demonstrate a financial need.

The Foundation may also consider other compelling criteria.

**TERMS:** The scholarship grants may be used to assist with living expenses, tuition, books, bar exam course expenses or anything else you may need to further your legal education.

**DETAILS:** The awards will be given at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Dinner on Friday, **October 20, 2017** at the Fairmont Hotel in downtown San Jose. You will be notified on or before October 4, 2017 if you have been selected as a recipient. You must be present at the Scholarship Dinner to be eligible for your award. Additionally, recipients must provide a short biography and current photo for use in the Dinner Program no later than Friday October 6, 2017.

### **SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS AND QUESTIONS:**

Your application and supporting documents must be submitted as **ONE PDF FILE** in the following format: "Yourlastname\_firstname" (example: Sotomayor\_Sonia).

Please send to the following email address: **scclarazafoundation@gmail.com**

If you have any questions, contact Sylvia Perez-MacDonald at (408) 758-4282.

**DEADLINE: YOUR APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017, BY 5PM, AND MUST BE TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Please note: The Santa Clara County La Raza Lawyers Association and the La Raza Lawyers Charitable Foundation of Santa Clara County reserve the right to change the criteria for awarding these scholarships without notice. Additionally, the personal information supplied by applicants will be used solely for purposes related to the scholarship. The applicant agrees that once an application is submitted, the completed application is owned and is the property of Santa Clara County La Raza Lawyers Association and the La Raza Lawyers Charitable Foundation of Santa Clara County and will not be returned to the applicant.