



**THURGOOD MARSHALL BAR ASSOCIATION (TMBA)
FEBRUARY 2023 BAR EXAM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

TMBA is committed to supporting individuals who take the California State Bar Exam in hopes of practicing law in California. We recognize that sitting for the bar exam is both an emotionally and financially challenging process. We applaud your commitment and perseverance in achieving your goal of becoming a member of the legal profession. In recognition and in support of your efforts, TMBA will award select applicants with a bar scholarship to assist with the costs associated with preparing for and taking the bar exam. Our goal is to relieve some of the financial burden through our scholarship program which will in turn, help you focus all your efforts on passing the bar exam.

Selection Criteria: TMBA will award scholarships based on a number of factors, including but not limited to: 1) racial minority status, 2) financial need, 3) community activism with a focus on racial diversity/justice, 4) demonstrated commitment to expanding racial diversity in the legal profession, 4) current membership/participation in TMBA, 5) future participation with TMBA and/or other bar associations whose primary goal is to promote racial diversity and support underrepresented racial minorities in the legal field. **Applicants may be first-time or repeat bar takers.** Please note, unfortunately, *previous recipients of the TMBA Bar Exam Scholarship are not eligible*

Application Instructions: Complete the application on the following page and attach the documents listed below. Essays must be typed in 12-point typeface. **Email the application and all required documents no later than 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on February 8, 2023** to TMBAScholarship@gmail.com, for consideration. Please entitle the subject line "TMBA Bar Taker Scholarship – YOUR NAME." Due to the volume of entries, TMBA may not acknowledge receipt of applications.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by February 18, 2023.

Required documents to attach to the Application (on following page):

(1) Applicants must submit a 350- to 750-word essay discussing the following:

- Your current and intended future involvement with TMBA and/or other minority-based bar associations or legal organizations and what you will do to help improve diversity and inclusion in the legal profession after admission to the State Bar of California.
- *[If applicable]* Self-reflection on your approach to the previous time(s) you took the bar exam, your plan or approach in preparing to take the bar again, and the steps you will take to maintain or increase your level of motivation during your bar preparation period.

(2) Resume or Curriculum Vitae with photo.

(3) *Letter(s) of recommendation are optional but may be submitted with the application or under separate cover.*



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Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Email: _____

Law School: _____ Graduation Date (mm/yyyy): _____

Registered Bar Exam Date: _____ Date(s) Prior Exam Taken: _____

Briefly describe your financial need and how being awarded this scholarship will assist you:

Which of the following best describes your race? (check all that apply):

- Hispanic or Latino Asian
 Black or African American Native American or Alaska Native
 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander White/ Caucasian
 Other (please specify): _____

If I am selected to receive the TMBA Bar Exam Scholarship Recipient, I hereby agree that:

I will promptly notify the TMBA Scholarship Committee of my California Bar Exam results.

TMBA may use my name and/or likeness in TMBA publications and announcements, including, but not limited to, in any news article, organizational bulletin, promotional stories, and social media publications.

By submitting this application, I certify that the information in this application is complete and accurate. I understand that TMBA may require me to provide supplemental documentation to corroborate the above information, if necessary. I further understand that if I do not take the February California Bar Examination, TMBA may rescind my scholarship award.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

TMBA Scholarship Recipients will be honored at TMBA's Annual Inauguration Gala on February 23, 2023 and will receive a complimentary ticket to attend.