



**THURGOOD MARSHALL BAR ASSOCIATION (TMBA)
FEBRUARY 2020 BAR TAKER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

TMBA is committed to supporting individuals who take the State Bar Exam in hopes of practicing law in California. We recognize, particularly for individuals who are faced with sitting for the bar exam, it 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 selected applicants with a bar scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.00 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 of your efforts on passing the bar exam.

Application instructions: Essays must be typed in 12-point typeface. **Email the application and all required documents to TMBAScholarship@gmail.com no later than December 13, 2019 by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time**, 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.

Selection criteria: TMBA will award such scholarships on the basis of minority race status, financial need, community involvement, commitment to expand diversity and inclusion within the legal profession, and ties to Orange County. Scholarship recipients will be notified by December 30, 2019. **Applicants who are repeat bar takers are strongly encouraged to apply.**

**Previous TMBA bar taker scholarship recipients are not eligible for consideration.*

Required documents to attach to this application:

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

- A personal statement describing your connection, if any, to Orange County and what you will personally do to help expand diversity and inclusion in the legal profession after admission to the State Bar of California.

And 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.

** Letter(s) of recommendation are optional.*



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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? (circle one):

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

If I am designated a TMBA Scholarship Recipient, I hereby agree that:

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

TMBA may use my name and/or likeness including, but not limited to, 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 July California Bar Examination, TMBA may rescind my scholarship award.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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