



2009 ROSENTHAL BAR EXAM SCHOLARSHIP

The Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship Program recognizes outstanding graduating California law students with financial need who are embarking on careers in public service law by providing financial support for costs related to taking the California Bar Exam. Winners will receive California Bar/Bri Law Review Bar Exam review courses and/or \$2,000 in cash to help defray fees and related expenses of taking the California Bar Exam.

Through this Program, the Foundation is committed to supporting law students pursuing a career in public interest law by providing critical financial assistance to help students cover expenses between graduating from law school and passing the bar exam. As one of the only scholarship programs in the country that helps public interest law students pay bar exam expenses, the Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship supports the pipeline of young California lawyers entering the legal profession as public interest attorneys.

The Scholarship is named in honor of Imelda Rosenthal, an émigré from Guatemala. Upon her arrival to the U.S., she learned the language and customs and soon was running a successful company. Reflecting upon her early days in America, Imelda began using a portion of her business' profits to help other young immigrants. After passing away from cancer-related illness, her family established a memorial fund, which led to the creation of the Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship Program. The Program is made possible by the generous support of law firms, voluntary donations from members of the California Bar, including prior scholarship recipients, and the Rosenthal family.

CRITERIA, INSTRUCTIONS & CONDITIONS

The Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship is awarded in the Spring of 2009. The 2009 Application Deadline is **4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2009**.

CRITERIA

1. Candidate must be:
 - Graduating or have graduated from a California law school in the 2008-2009 academic year; and
 - Taking the California Bar Exam in 2009 for the first time.
2. Candidate must demonstrate and document a strong commitment to public service, as supported by a minimum of one current letter of recommendation, and intend to pursue a public interest legal career after law school.
3. Candidate must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA or equivalent on a 4.0 scale (or provide an explanation of extenuating circumstances if GPA is lower than 2.5).
4. Candidate's law school must certify:
 - Candidate's actual or anticipated graduation date;
 - Good ethical standing of Candidate while attending law school; and
 - Candidate's financial need.
5. Candidate must have filed his/her application for Moral Character Determination with the State Bar of California by the Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship Application Deadline.
6. Candidate must be chosen as one of a maximum of **four** Candidates nominated by his/her law school.
7. Candidates from online law schools must be California residents.
8. Any prior Foundation scholarship awards received by Candidate will be taken into consideration.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. All portions of the Application must be received by the Foundation by **4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2009** (the "Application Deadline"). Attachments, letter(s) of recommendation, and law school documents may be submitted separately, but must also be received by the Application Deadline. Please note that in order to provide enough time to select its nominees, a law school typically requires that Candidates submit their Applications to the law school on a date earlier than the Foundation's Application Deadline.
2. Applications may be submitted by mail, delivery service, or fax to:
Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship Program
California Bar Foundation
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
Fax: (415) 856-0788
3. Applications postmarked by the Application Deadline but not received in full by the Application Deadline will not be accepted.
4. All documents submitted in association with Candidate's Application for the Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship, including letter(s) of recommendation, should include the name of Candidate on the upper right-hand corner of each page.
5. See the Application Checklist for a complete list of required documentation that must be submitted.

CONDITIONS

1. Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship Recipients will be requested to provide a recent digital photograph of themselves upon receiving notification of their award. *Please do not send photos with Application.*
2. The Foundation requires Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship Recipients to report back to the Foundation on the progress of their public interest careers during the next year.
3. The Foundation reserves the right to use information from Applications and letters of recommendation as part of its publicity of Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship Recipients.
4. Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship Recipients receiving named scholarships may be asked to contact donors supporting their scholarships.



2009 ROSENTHAL BAR EXAM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Provide answers to questions on this Application. If feasible, all requested documents on the Checklist should be attached to this Application and returned by mail, delivery service, or fax. All requested material must be received by the Foundation no later than **4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2009.*** Please read the Criteria, Instructions, and Conditions for the Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship Application for more information.

Name of Candidate**: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Permanent Address (if different from current address): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Permanent Phone: _____

Race or Ethnicity (optional): _____

Gender: _____

Law School: _____

Years of Attendance: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Plans After Law School: _____

Have you ever taken the California Bar Exam? Yes No

Are you taking the July 2009 California Bar Exam? Yes No

Contact Information for Law School Representative Providing Your Nomination

Name and Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Facsimile: _____

E-mail: _____

All of the information provided to the Foundation in my Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship Application and in connection with my admission to, and enrollment in, law school is true, correct, and complete, and there are no material omissions from either application.

Candidate Signature

Candidate Name

Date

*To provide enough time to process your nomination, your law school may require that you submit your Application on a date earlier than the Foundation's Application Deadline.

**Please print your name as you would wish it to appear in the Foundation's printed materials should you be selected as a scholarship recipient.

CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION FORM

STATUS OF CALIFORNIA STATE BAR'S MORAL CHARACTER APPLICATION

I filed my Moral Character Application with the State Bar of California on _____, 20____, and my Moral Character Application is (select one) pending / approved. I have read and understand the criteria used to process and evaluate my Moral Character Application and know of no information or reason that could result in my being denied admission to the State Bar of California on moral character or ethical grounds. All of the information provided to the Foundation in my Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship Application and provided to the State Bar of California in connection with my Moral Character Application and admission to the California State Bar is true, correct, and there are no material omissions from either application.

Candidate Signature

_____, 2009
Date

CERTIFICATION OF NON-RELATIONSHIP

I certify that I am not related to any member of the Board of Directors, officer, or employee of the California Bar Foundation or to any member of the Board of Governors, officer, or employee of the State Bar of California. I understand that, if I am disqualified for misrepresenting my relationship with any of the aforementioned or for any other reason, I will not be eligible to receive any scholarship from the Foundation.

Candidate Signature

_____, 2009
Date

AUTHORIZATION TO USE INFORMATION, NAME, AND LIKENESS

I understand that the Foundation requires the right to use my name and likeness, as well as information from my Scholarship Application, personal statement, and letters of recommendation as part of its publicity about the Foundation, the Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship Program (and Recipients), and fundraising for the Foundation and its programs. I hereby authorize the Foundation to so use my name and likeness, as well as information from my Scholarship Application, personal statement, and letters of recommendation, in its discretion.

Candidate Signature

_____, 2009
Date

CONSENT AND AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN INFORMATION

I acknowledge and represent to the Foundation that I have read the Criteria, Instructions, and Conditions for the Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship, the Application, and related materials. I hereby consent to and authorize the Foundation to request and obtain information relevant to my Scholarship Application and future admission to the State Bar of California from my law school and the State Bar of California Committee of Bar Examiners. I waive my right to privacy of this information to the extent of this Consent and Authorization. I release and hold harmless the Foundation, the State Bar of California, and my law school from any claims, damages, or liability whatsoever as a result of the disclosure to or use by the Foundation of any such information. I also acknowledge and agree that, if any information contained in my Scholarship Application is not true, complete, and accurate, or if material information has been omitted, I could be disqualified from receiving, and/or forfeit, any Scholarship Award(s) from the Foundation. I further agree and acknowledge that all decisions by the Foundation to award the Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarships are made in the sole discretion of the Foundation, and all decisions are final.

Candidate Signature

_____, 2009
Date

NOTE: Candidates who submit Scholarship Applications without signing and dating the above (1) Status of California State Bar's Moral Character Application, (2) Certification of Non-Relationship, (3) Authorization to Use Information, Name, and Likeness, and (4) Consent and Authorization to Obtain Information will be disqualified from consideration for the Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship.

CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL NEED

Candidate's law school may complete this form or submit its own documentation of Candidate's financial need.

Tuition cost for 2008/2009 Academic Year: \$ _____

Other Costs: \$ _____

TOTAL LAW SCHOOL BUDGET: \$ _____

Candidate's Financial Aid Awards for 2008/2009 Academic Year:

Grants: \$ _____

Federal Loans: \$ _____

Private Loans: \$ _____

Campus Job Earnings: \$ _____

Work/Study Earnings: \$ _____

Scholarships: \$ _____

TOTAL AWARDS: \$ _____

Candidate has \$ _____ outstanding in law school student loans.

Candidate reports \$ _____ outstanding student loans from his undergraduate institution.

Candidate reports \$ _____ outstanding students loans from other graduate institutions.

Signed: _____ Date: _____, 2009

Name: _____

Title: _____

Law School: _____



2009 ROSENTHAL BAR EXAM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please include all documents. Failure to provide any of the documents listed below may result in your disqualification.

Complete, Sign, and Date the Following Documents Contained in the Application Packet:

- ✓ **Application**
- ✓ **Certification and Authorization Form**, which includes:
 - Status of California State Bar's Moral Character Application
 - Certification of Non-Relationship
 - Authorization to Use Information, Name, and Likeness
 - Consent and Authorization to Obtain Information

Provide the Following Additional Documents:

- ✓ **Resume** – Designate your volunteer service since high school with double asterisks (**).
- ✓ **Personal Statement** – One-page statement, not to exceed 400 words, describing your commitment to and plans for a legal career in public service.
- ✓ **Letter of Recommendation** – One current letter of recommendation supporting your commitment to public service.
- ✓ **Law School Transcript** – Copy of your transcript with your most recent GPA (including explanation of 2.5 equivalency for those law schools that do not use a 4.0 scale) and a description of your law school's grading curve. Please also include a detailed explanation of any extenuating circumstances if your GPA is lower than 2.5.
- ✓ **Certification of Financial Need** – Certification from your law school financial aid office of your financial need (either by completing the form enclosed with this application or by submitting the form prepared by your financial aid office setting forth your financial aid package as well as total amount of outstanding undergraduate, law school, and other graduate program loans, by category).
- ✓ **Certification of Ethical Standing and Statement of Nomination** – Letter from your law school (1) verifying your enrollment and good ethical conduct during the academic year in which your Application is filed, (2) stating your known or anticipated graduation date, and (3) certifying that you are one of your law school's **four** nominees.
- ✓ **Optional Statement of Financial Circumstances** – Candidate may choose to submit an additional, optional statement of up to 50 words describing any financial circumstances that Candidate believes may be relevant in determining Candidate's financial need (for example, if Candidate worked to pay for most or all undergraduate costs).

Note: Candidate's name must appear in the upper right-hand corner of each page of every document submitted with your Application, including letter(s) of recommendation.

The Foundation must receive all documents by **4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2009**, at:

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San Francisco, CA 94105-1639
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