



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PURPOSE

The Cuban American Bar Foundation (“CABF”) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing financial assistance to Cuban-American law students and law students interested in activities of importance to the Cuban-American community. Since its inception, CABF has provided scholarships for deserving law students in accredited law schools and has honored the memory of distinguished lawyers and judges by awarding scholarships in their memory.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is based on academic performance, leadership potential, and participation in community programs including, but not limited to, volunteer hours. Scholarships are awarded annually, provided funds are available.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

CABA Foundation awards scholarships on the basis of a comprehensive process. Areas that are reviewed by the committee include, but are not limited to, the following: Academic Accomplishments, Community Service, References, Personal Essay and Financial Need. CABA Foundation pays scholarship funds directly to the recipient. Scholarships are awarded annually. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. Scholarships awarded are based upon the availability of funds and additional qualifying criteria.

CRITERIA

- Applicant must be a law student of Cuban heritage who has distinguished himself/herself academically and/or in service-oriented activities; **OR** any law student who has distinguished himself/herself in research, writing, community services, and/or other activities of importance to the Cuban-American community;
- Applicant must be a currently enrolled student in good academic standing at an accredited law school with at least one semester completed;
 - incoming 1L students are ineligible;
 - students with graduation date in Spring/Summer of 2024 are ineligible
 - L.L.M. Students are ineligible unless they are part of a dual degree program attaining both an L.L.M. and J.D. simultaneously
- Applicant must submit a complete formal application for a CABA Foundation Scholarship; and
- Applicants must complete and submit a typed Scholarship Application and provide all supporting documents listed below (i.e., resume, evidence of enrollment, etc.) no later than **May 17, 2024**.

TIMELINE

- Applications and supporting documentation are due no later than **May 17, 2024**.
- Candidates may be asked for an interview by the Scholarship Committee, conducted in May.
- Applicants are notified if awarded a scholarship by **July 3, 2024**.

APPLICATION PROCESS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

- A typed Scholarship Application (If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space);
- A competitive essay (no more than 1,000 words) focusing on, and describing in detail, the activities and achievements that qualify him/her for the award, as well as a statement of financial need;
- An updated resume;
- A copy of his/her transcripts

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- Awards will be made out and given directly to the recipient;
- Awards will be given at the Annual Scholarship Awards Reception; **July 30, 2024**.
- Applicant must provide their correct mailing address, if unable to attend the reception;
- Award amounts will be distributed annually after all requirements are met.

EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

- Giselle Gutierrez, CABA Foundation President
- ggutierrez@stearnsweaver.com
- Subject: 2024 CABA Foundation Scholarship Application – [Applicant Name]

*If you have any questions about the application process, please contact
Giselle Gutierrez, by email at ggutierrez@stearnsweaver.com.*

Please check one of the following:

New Scholarship Applicant _____

Repeat Scholarship Applicant _____

2024 CABA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Must be filled out by applicant)

Please **type** or **print** your answers below. If application is illegible, it will be returned to you.

1	First Name: _____ Middle Initial: ____ Last Name: _____					
2	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP CODE: _____					
3	Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____					
4	Law School Name: _____ Law School Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ Phone Number: _____					
5	Current Year (circle): 1L 2L 3L			Expected Graduation Date: _____		
6	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA; your most recent official school transcript required.					
7	List the name of any college you have attended:					
			Year Began	Year Ended	Year Graduated	Type of Degree Received
	A.					
	B.					
	C.					

Please list the following information on a separate sheet:

8	EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Please list any extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and dates.
9	AREA OF PRACTICE: What area of practice do you plan on going into after graduation?
10	ORGANIZATIONS: Please list school/community organizations such as service, volunteer and religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles and dates.
11	RECOGNITIONS: Please list important awards and recognitions received. Note organizations presenting honor and date.
12	GOALS: What are your short- and long-term goals?
13	NEED: Please explain your need for the CABA Foundation Scholarship.

14	CAREER PLANS: What are your career plans and what would you like to be doing in 10 years?
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15	<p>A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.</p> <p>B. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.)</p> <p>C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item, as required.</p>
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YES	NO	COMPETITIVE ESSAY. Must focus on, and describe in detail, the activities and achievements that qualify the applicant for the award, as well as a statement of financial need. (no more than 1,000 words)
YES	NO	OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT. Must show proof of enrollment for upcoming academic year.
YES	NO	UPDATED RESUME.
YES	NO	ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 1-15.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the CABA Foundation Scholarship Committee is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the CABA Foundation Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, according to scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the law school of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: _____

Printed Name of Scholarship Applicant: _____

Date: _____

**The deadline for this application to be received by
CABA Foundation is May 17 ,2024.**