



## 2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### **PURPOSE**

The Cuban American Bar Foundation ("CABF" or "CABA Foundation") is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing financial assistance to Cuban-American law students and law students of all backgrounds 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.

### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

CABF 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. CABF 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 but not in their final semester:
  - o Incoming 1L students are ineligible;
  - o Students with a graduation date in Spring/Summer of 2025 are ineligible; and
  - o L.L.M. Students are not eligible unless enrolled in a dual-degree programs that confers both an L.L.M. and J.D. concurrently.
- Applicant must submit a complete formal application for a CABF Scholarship;
- Applicant must be a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States; and
- Applicant 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 **June 1, 2025**.

## TIMELINE

- Applications and supporting documentation are due no later than **June 1, 2025 at 11:59p.m. (EST)**  
**NO REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS WILL BE GRANTED.**
- Candidates may be asked for an interview by the Scholarship Committee, to be conducted in June.
- Applicants are notified if awarded a scholarship by **June 27, 2025.**
- CABF Scholarship recipients are expected to attend an in-person awards ceremony to be held in July (date to be announced).

## APPLICATION PROCESS

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT MUST PROVIDE:

- A **typed** Scholarship Application including the fully executed Statement of Accuracy (If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space).
- A competitive essay of no more than 750 words focusing on and describing in detail the activities and achievements that qualify you for a CABF Scholarship as well as a statement of your financial need. **While you may explore various resources, including AI tools, in your drafting process, the final essay submission must reflect your own unique understanding, analysis, and voice to represent your critical thinking skills and writing abilities. We reserve the right to disqualify any applicant whose essay is found to violate this originality requirement.**
- An updated resume to include educational and work history.
- A copy of your most recent law school transcripts

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- Award will be made out and given directly to the recipient.
- Award will be given at the Annual Scholarship Awards Reception and all awardees are expected to attend in-person. Date for this event will be announced soon, but will be mid to late July.
- Applicant must provide their correct and current mailing address.
- Award amounts will be disbursed following the completion of all award requirements, including confirmation of enrollment.

### EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

- Javier A. Ley-Soto, CABA Foundation President
- **JavierLeySoto@gmail.com**
- Subject: "2025 CABA Foundation Scholarship Application – [Insert Applicant's Full Name]"

*If you have any questions about the application process, please contact  
Javier A. Ley-Soto, by email at [JavierLeySoto@gmail.com](mailto:JavierLeySoto@gmail.com).*

**Please check one of the following:**

New Scholarship Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Repeat Scholarship Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**2025 CABA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

(To be completed 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	<b>List the name(s) of any college you have attended:</b>					
			<b>Year Began</b>	<b>Year Ended</b>	<b>Year Graduated</b>	<b>Type of Degree Received</b>
	A.					
	B.					
	C.					

Please list the following information on a separate sheet:

8	<b>EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:</b> Please list any extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and dates.
9	<b>AREA OF PRACTICE:</b> What area of practice do you plan on going into after graduation?
10	<b>ORGANIZATIONS:</b> 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	<b>RECOGNITIONS:</b> Please list important awards and recognitions received. Note organizations presenting honor and date.
12	<b>GOALS:</b> What are your short- and long-term goals?
13	<b>NEED:</b> Please explain your need for the CABA Foundation Scholarship.
14	<b>CAREER PLANS:</b> What are your career plans and what would you like to be doing in 10 years?

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>		
	YES	NO	<b>COMPETITIVE ESSAY.</b> 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 750 words)
	YES	NO	<b>OFFICIAL LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.</b> Must show proof of enrollment for past and upcoming academic year.
	YES	NO	<b>UPDATED RESUME.</b>
	YES	NO	<b>ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 1-15.</b>

[Statement of Accuracy Follows]

## STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the CABA Foundation Scholarship Committee is true, correct, originally created by me, 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 disbursed.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Scholarship Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**All applications, including all supporting documents, must be received by  
the CABA Foundation by 11:59p.m. (EST) on June 1, 2025.**