



MALDEF

The Latino Legal Voice for Civil Rights in America.

2015-2016 LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Since MALDEF's founding, the civil rights organization has furthered its mission to advance Latino civil rights by awarding scholarships to law students who similarly seek to advance Latino civil rights through their careers. In recent years, MALDEF has annually awarded five to ten scholarship awards of \$5,000 each.

MALDEF's 2015-2016 Law School Scholarship is open to *all* students who are enrolled at an accredited United States law school in the 2015-2016 academic school year. Applicants are evaluated based on three main factors: 1) personal background and financial need; 2) academic and extracurricular achievement; and 3) demonstrated commitment to serving the Latino community, shown through record of service to the Latino community and future plans for service.

A COMPLETE APPLICATION REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. **MALDEF Law School Scholarship Application Form**, including the **Financial Statement Form** completed by the applicant's law school.
2. **Current Resume.**
3. **Personal Statement** up to 750 words, double-spaced, detailing the applicant's personal background and financial need, academic and extracurricular achievement, record of service to the Latino community, and future plans.
4. **One (1) Letter of Recommendation.**
5. **Transcripts** for college (for all applicants) and law school (for applicants who have already completed a year of law school). Unofficial transcripts accepted.

PLEASE DELIVER APPLICATION MATERIALS TOGETHER ELECTRONICALLY TO:

lawscholarships@maldef.org

OR, BY MAIL TO:

**MALDEF Law School Scholarship Program
Attn: Jonhatan Aragon
634 S. Spring St., 11th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90014**

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE EMAILED OR POSTMARKED BY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016.**



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Instructions: Please answer each question completely and accurately. If a question is not applicable, please indicate this by writing "N/A." Where necessary, use additional pages to complete your answers.

1. APPLICANT'S CONTACT INFORMATION.

Last Name		First Name		Middle	
Address for Scholarship Notification		City	State	Zip Code	
Email Address			Telephone		

2. EDUCATION.

Law School you are attending: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Undergraduate School(s): _____

Degree(s): _____

Year of Graduation(s): _____

Other Graduate School(s): _____

Degree(s): _____

Year of Graduation(s): _____

3. BACKGROUND INCOME INFORMATION.

Have you previously received a MALDEF Law School Scholarship? _____

Your occupation / annual income prior to law school: _____

Mother's occupation / annual income: _____

Father's occupation / annual income: _____

Dependents: _____

4. ASSETS. Include all assets you (combined with your spouse or domestic partner) currently hold:

Estimated savings / investments / other assets: _____

Real estate (fair market value minus mortgage): _____

5. DEBT. List all of your (combined with your spouse or domestic partner) outstanding debts:

PURPOSE	LENDER NAME	GOV'T OR PRIVATE	AMOUNT OF DEBT

TOTAL: \$ _____

6. OTHER. Please discuss any additional facts or circumstances that you think might be useful in our evaluation of your application.

7. CONFIDENTIALITY.

MALDEF respects the privacy of all Applicants and will treat all information contained in and submitted along with this MALDEF Law School Scholarship Application Form as confidential, except as may be required to evaluate and verify information contained in an application. However, in the event you are selected to receive a MALDEF Law School Scholarship, MALDEF may utilize general information about your background and a photo, provided by you, to publicize your receipt of a scholarship and/or the MALDEF Law School Scholarship Program generally. Please note that MALDEF will never inquire into or disclose information about the residency status of any of our applicants. By signing below, you are indicating your agreement with these terms, including your waiver of confidentiality as described here should you be selected as a scholarship recipient.

I understand and agree to the terms of this provision, including waiver of confidentiality as described here should I be selected to receive the MALDEF Law School Scholarship, and grant free permission to MALDEF to utilize general information about my background and a photo to publicize my receipt of a scholarship and/or the MALDEF Law School Scholarship Program generally.

Signature of Applicant

Date

8. CERTIFICATION.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained in my application and all documents submitted along with my application are true and accurate representations of my background and candidacy for this scholarship.

Signature of Applicant

Date



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LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FINANCIAL STATEMENT FORM

(To be completed by the applicant's Law School Financial Aid Office)

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

STUDENT'S EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: _____

STUDENT BUDGET FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR: _____

TOTAL LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP/GRANTS OFFERED: _____

TOTAL LOANS OFFERED: _____

STUDENT'S UNMET FINANCIAL NEED: _____

Law School Financial Aid Officer's Signature

Printed Name

Law School Financial Aid Officer's Title

Name of Law School

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