



# MALDEF

The Latino Legal Voice for Civil Rights in America.

## 2020-2021 LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 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.

MALDEF's 2020-2021 Law School Scholarship is **open to all students who are enrolled full-time at an accredited United States law school in the 2020-2021 academic school year and are completing their first law degree.** Applicants are evaluated based on four main factors: 1) personal background and financial need; 2) academic and extracurricular achievement; 3) demonstrated commitment to serving the Latino community, shown through academic, extracurricular, or professional record of service; and 4) future plans to advance the rights of Latinos.

### 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. We invite you to submit a personal statement on a topic of your choosing that you feel will best convey your strengths in the four main evaluative factors listed above. Please include your short- and long-term professional aspirations following law school.
4. **One (1) Letter of Recommendation.**
5. **Transcripts** for law school (for applicants who have completed at least one semester of law school) and college (for applicants who just enrolled in law school). Unofficial transcripts accepted.

**PLEASE DELIVER APPLICATION MATERIALS TOGETHER ELECTRONICALLY TO:**

**lawscholarships@maldef.org**

**OR, BY MAIL TO:**

**MALDEF Law School Scholarship Program  
634 S. Spring St., 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90014**

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE EMAILED OR POSTMARKED BY  
Friday, February 26, 2021.**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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 most recent occupation / annual income prior to law school: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's occupation / annual income: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's occupation / annual income: \_\_\_\_\_

Dependents: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 financial facts or circumstances that you believe might be useful in our evaluation of your application.

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## 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 immigration 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.

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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.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Law School Financial Aid Officer's Signature

Printed Name

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Law School Financial Aid Officer's Title

Name of Law School

*Please return to Applicant for submission or send directly to:*

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