2021-2022 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 seek to advance Latino civil rights through their legal careers.

MALDEF’s 2021-2022 Law School Scholarship is open to all students who are enrolled full-time at an accredited United States law school in the 2021-2022 academic school year and are completing their first law degree (i.e. J.D. 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 500 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 on the four evaluative criteria listed above. Please include your short- and long-term professional aspirations following law school.

4. Career Plans Statement up to 100 words. Please concisely indicate your plans to serve the Latino community in your legal career.

5. One (1) Letter of Recommendation.

6. 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., 11th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90014

APPLICATIONS MUST BE EMAILED OR POSTMARKED BY
Friday, February 4, 2022
MALDEF LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2021-2022

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: ___________________________

The following should be answered regardless of financial independence:

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:

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6. **OTHER.** Please discuss any additional financial facts or circumstances that you believe might be useful in 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.

__________________________________________________________
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
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

__________________________________________
Law School Financial Aid Officer’s Title Name of Law School

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