



## 2026 Law Student Scholarship/Bar Grant Application

### **Eligibility:**

- Scholarship eligibility is limited to full-time second and third year law students (and fourth year law students enrolled in part-time or evening programs) who attend an accredited law school and intend to practice law in the greater Los Angeles metro area
- Bar grant eligibility is limited to full-time and part-time law students who (a) have experienced financial hardship during their law school career and may have to forgo taking a bar review course if not for this grant, (b) will graduate with a JD at the end of the Spring 2026 semester from an accredited law school, (c) intend to practice law in the greater Los Angeles metro area and (d) will provide confirmation that the applicant is registered to take the California Bar Exam in the Summer of 2026
- Scholarship and bar grant recipients **must** be available to attend an in-person scholarship luncheon on Saturday, June 6, 2026, in the Los Angeles area

**Selection Criteria:** BWL awards its scholarship/bar grants on the basis of financial need, community service, academic achievement and legal writing ability. Depending upon your eligibility, your application will be considered for both a scholarship and/or a grant.

**Instructions:** Completed applications and all supporting documents must be submitted via email to the Scholarship Selection Committee at [bwlscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:bwlscholarship@gmail.com) by no later than **5:00 PM (PST) on Monday, March 31, 2026.**

The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to not consider any supporting materials, essay responses or applications submitted after the deadline. **Interviews will take place during the first half of May 2026.**

If you have questions, please contact Tiffanie Spivey or Kathiana Aurelien at [bwlscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:bwlscholarship@gmail.com).

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<b>A. Personal Information</b>	
Name	
Preferred Pronouns	
Street Address	
City, State and Zip Code	
Phone	
Email Address	

<b>B. Family Information</b> (if applicable)	
Marital Status	
No. of Dependent Children	
Age(s) of Child(ren)	
Occupation of spouse/domestic partner	

<b>C. Employment Information</b> (if applicable)	
Current Employer	
Employment Address	
City, State and Zip Code	
Position/Title	
Hours per week	
Gross wages per month	

<b>D. Law School Academic Information</b>	
Law School	
Start Date	
Anticipated Graduation Date	
Cumulative GPA	
Class Rank (if known)	
Honors or Awards	
Extracurricular Activities/Community Involvement	

<b>E. Undergraduate Academic Information</b>	
College or University	
Degree	
Dates of Attendance	
Graduation Date	
Cumulative GPA	
Honors or Awards	
Extracurricular Activities/Community Involvement	

<b>F. Post Graduate Academic Information</b> (if applicable)	
University	
Degree	
Dates of Attendance	
Graduation Date	
Cumulative GPA	
Honors or Awards	
Extracurricular Activities/Community Involvement	

**G. Financial Information**

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<b>EXPENSES:</b>		<b>RESOURCES:</b>	
Tuition & Fees	\$	Scholarships	\$
Educational supplies	\$	Loans	\$
Rent/Mortgage	\$	Wages	\$
Utilities	\$	Spouse's wages	\$
Food	\$	Monetary gifts	\$
Student Loan Payments	\$	Investments: stocks, bonds, real estate, etc.	\$
Medical/dental	\$	Current account balances	\$
Transportation	\$	Checking	\$
Child care	\$	Savings	\$
Bar Application Expenses	\$	Other	\$
Miscellaneous	\$	Miscellaneous	\$
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$</b>

**H. Legal Career Plans**

What are your plans for employment following graduation? Have you received any offers for employment as of today's date? If so, please discuss.

## I. Community Involvement

Please list and describe the community or professional organizations in which you have been actively involved during the past four years, particularly those that align with BWL's mission<sup>1</sup>. If an additional page is necessary to respond to this prompt, please include at the top of the page "Community Involvement"

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<sup>1</sup> See more about BWL's mission here: <https://www.blackwomenlawyersla.org/aboutus/>

**J. Additional Information**

Please describe any additional information or circumstances, including hardship, that you would like the Scholarship Selection Committee to consider with your application. If an additional page is necessary to respond to this prompt, please include at the top of the page "Additional Information."

<b>K. Miscellaneous</b>	
Where do you intend to practice law after graduation? (City, State)	
How did you hear about this scholarship?	
Do you currently know any BWL members? If so, please list their name(s)	
Have you previously applied for and/or received a BWL scholarship? If so, when?	
Are you currently a BWL student member? If so, when did you join?	
Have you participated in any past BWL events? If so, please list the events, year, and explain your level of participation (volunteer, attendee, committee member).	
Are you committed to being an active BWL member throughout your career?	

**L. Personal Statement (500-750 words max)**

Please tell us about yourself, including your personal and professional background, passions and interests, extracurricular activities, and why you have chosen to pursue a career in law.

**M. BWL Essay (2500 words max)**

Your essay must be typed, double-spaced, show your personality, and be well-organized. The essay will demonstrate to the committee why you are the best candidate for the scholarship. **See page 9 for the Essay Question.**

**N. Supporting Documents**

Please submit the following documents with your completed application:

- Current official law school transcript, including school grading scale
- Law school letter verifying your current academic status/enrollment
- 2025-2026 Financial Aid Award Letter
- Resume
- Employment offer letter or other documentation showing your intent to practice in the Los Angeles metro area, if any.

## Agreement and Signature

By submitting this scholarship application:

- I affirm that the facts set forth in the application, including any attachments, are true and complete;
- I affirm that my responses to the essay are my own and that I did not consult with or have anyone prepare my responses, nor did I use Artificial Intelligence to prepare my responses;
- I understand that if I am selected as a scholarship recipient and any of the information I provided is false, my scholarship award may be revoked; and
- I hereby give BWL consent to record, videotape and photograph my image and/or voice for BWL's communication or media-relation activities without compensation.

Signature

Date

### M. BWL Essay Question

Tell us more about you by identifying and responding to at least two of the topics listed below.

Essay Topics	
1.	What inspires you?
2.	How will this scholarship help you achieve your goals?
3.	Tell us about a time you did not succeed and how that impacted you?
4.	What are you most proud of?