



THE SOUTH ASIAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

LAW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS, GUIDELINES AND RULES

Due Date: October 5, 2026

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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in a scholarship from the South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey ("SABA-NJ"). SABA-NJ is dedicated to the needs, concerns, and interests of the South Asian community in New Jersey. This year, SABA-NJ is proud to provide scholarships in varying amounts to current law students at **SABA-NJ's Annual Gala**, which is being held on **October 22, 2026, at 6:00 PM**, at The Marigold, located at 315 Churchill Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873.

It is important that, before you complete and submit this application, you read the Scholarship Guidelines and Rules annexed to this application and incorporated herein by reference. All scholarships shall be subject to the scholarship guidelines. **This application and all supporting documentation must be received no later than 11:59 PM ET on October 5, 2026.** The application will not be considered complete until all application materials are received by the above deadline. **All applications should be electronically mailed as a single document to saba.nj.eboard@gmail.com.**

Scholarship recipients will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's selection by October 14, 2026. SABA-NJ will award the scholarships at its Annual Gala. Additional details about the event will be provided at a later date. **Please note that attendance at the event is required if you are selected to receive a scholarship.**

Thank you for your application. Please type all answers to the questions and answer each question completely and truthfully. SABA-NJ wishes you success in your legal career.

***Please note that scholarship funds may take up to sixty (60) days following the award ceremony to be disbursed to the recipient.**

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND RULES

1. Eligibility

The law students who will be eligible to receive a scholarship from SABA-NJ are (i) South Asian Americans (at least one parent must be of South Asian descent) or (ii) non-South Asian Americans who have demonstrated a substantial commitment to promoting the interests of the South Asian community. In addition, eligible law students are those who are enrolled and attending an American Bar Association approved law school in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont during the Fall Semester of the current year.

2. Selection

The selection of the scholarship recipients will be conducted by a Scholarship Committee, which will consist of officers, regional representatives, and/or members of SABA-NJ.

3. Selection Criteria

The following criteria will be considered for the award of a scholarship:

- A. All grants/scholarships will be limited to students who are attending ABA-approved law schools, which qualify as “educational institutions” as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- B. The applicant must provide SABA-NJ with a law school transcript. Law school grades are one selection criteria.
- C. The applicant must be a student in good standing at their law school.
- D. The applicant must have been enrolled and attended law school classes during the current year.
- E. The applicant must demonstrate their participation and involvement with SABA-NJ and/or their participation and involvement with organizations at their law school or community.
- F. Applicants who have been previously selected for a scholarship may apply for this scholarship. However, the Scholarship Committee may consider past receipt of a scholarship as a criterion for awarding this year’s scholarship.
- G. The applicant must be a member of SABA-NJ or must register in order to be eligible to apply for a scholarship. Law student membership to SABA-NJ is complimentary.

4. Application Deadline

Scholarship applications and all supporting documentation required by these guidelines must be received **by 11:59 PM EST on October 5, 2026**. The completed application and all supporting materials, other than the law school transcript, should be combined into a single document and emailed to saba.nj.eboard@gmail.com. The law school transcript should be attached separately to the same email.

Failure to provide required information or documents will render your application incomplete and ineligible for a scholarship until such time that the application is complete. Should there be a reason why any required information or documents are missing, make sure to fully explain the reasons within your application.

SABA-NJ will award scholarships at its Annual Gala, which is being held on October 22, 2026 at 6:00 PM ET at The Marigold, located at 315 Churchill Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873. Receipt of actual scholarship funds may take up to sixty (60) days after the award ceremony. The selected applicants will be notified of their selection by October 14, 2026.

5. Nature of Scholarships

SABA-NJ will only provide grants or scholarships, not loans.

6. Certification Regarding Use

To ensure that all scholarship funds are used for the stated purposes, SABA-NJ may require a certification from the recipient stating that the monies will exclusively be used for educational purposes such as: payment of tuition and/or fees, purchase of books and school supplies, and bar exam preparation fees.

7. Disbursement of Scholarship

The scholarship will be granted directly to the student.

8. Promotional Materials

By applying for this scholarship, you consent to SABA-NJ having the unilateral right, permission and license to edit, film, record, publish, reprint, distribute, and otherwise make use of your name, likeness, photograph and biographical data in connection with the use and promotion of the scholarship, including through SABA-NJ's website and social media channels.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Section I. Personal Information

Name:			
Mailing Address:			
Permanent Address:			
Telephone (home/cell):			
Email:			
Date of Birth:			
Place of Birth:			
Father's Place of Birth:			
Mother's Place of Birth			
What state (s) do you have a connection with and in what capacity?			
Have you resided or attended school in New Jersey, New York and/or Pennsylvania and if so, when and for how long?			

Name of Law School:			
Current Year in Law School:			
Undergraduate School:			
Undergraduate Degree:			
Please check the type of law school program you are currently enrolled in:			
	Day/Full Time		Evening/Part-Time
Anticipated Date of Graduation:			
Current Grade Point Average:			
Are you a student in good standing at your law school?			
Are you a member of SABA-NJ? If not, you must register in order to be eligible to apply for a scholarship. Law student membership to SABA-NJ is complimentary.			
Are you related by blood, marriage or any other family relationship to any trustee, officer, director or employee of SABA-NJ or to any member of the Scholarship Committee? If so, please list the member's name and relation:			

Do you have any other relationship with any regional representative, officer, director or employee of SABA-NJ or with any member of the Scholarship Committee that may present an actual or potential conflict of interest? If so, please explain.

Have you previously received a scholarship(s) from SABA-NJ? If so, please identify the year in which the scholarship(s) was received and the amount awarded.

Section II. Essay Prompts

Please answer each of the following questions in a separate paragraph:

1. SABA-NJ's mission centers on advancing the needs and interests of the South Asian legal community in New Jersey. How will your career goals contribute to advancing equity and representation within the legal profession?
2. Discuss a challenge or barrier you encountered as an aspiring lawyer and how navigating that challenge prepared you for legal practice.
3. Describe a situation where you demonstrated leadership, bridged a divide, or built consensus to advocate for an underrepresented group?

Section III. Certification

I, _____, hereby certify that, should I be awarded a scholarship by the South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey, I will use the money exclusively for educational purposes. I agree to provide the South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey satisfactory proof of said use, compliance with the attendance requirements of the law school and completion of the required coursework for the term of the awarded scholarship.

I, _____, also hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that the statements and information provided in this application and the supporting documentation are true and accurate, and I understand that the South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey will rely upon this information in determining whether to award a scholarship.

Electronic Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____