New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association

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2026 NMHBA/NMHBAF BAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____Graduation Year: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING IN PDF FORM:

☐ The attached form which addresses the following criteria: (1) involvement in the Hispanic community, student organizations, other community organizations, civic, charitable, legal or social justice endeavors; (2) academic achievement; (3) financial need; (4) financial support you will receive while preparing for the bar exam; and (5) experience or interest in practicing in public interest law.

☐ Unofficial law school transcript.

☐ Two letters of recommendation.

Letter of Recommendation by: _____

☐ Included in Application ☐ Sent Separately

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COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKETS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN A SINGLE PDF TO nmhbafscholarship@gmail.com ON OR BEFORE: Monday, April 13, 2026

Please e-mail Sheryl L. Saavedra, NMHBAF President at nmhbafscholarship@gmail.com or sheryl@pklegalgrp.com with any questions.

PLEASE NOTE: Late or incomplete applications will not be considered absent a showing of good cause. Even if there is a showing of good cause, the scholarship committee may deduct points from a student's score to account for a late or incomplete application.

I certify that I taking the New Mexico Bar Examination in July 2026, that I am not licensed to practice law in any other jurisdiction, and that all information contained in this application is true and correct.

_____ _____

SIGNATURE DATE

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NMHBA/NMHBAF BAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ESSAYS

The NMHBA and the NMHBA Foundation consider the following criteria in awarding scholarships: (1) involvement in the Hispanic community, student organizations, other community organizations, civic, charitable, legal or social justice endeavors; (2) academic achievement; (3) financial need; (4) financial support you will receive while preparing for the bar exam; and (5) experience or interest in practicing in public interest law.

Address each of the following topics in essay format.

1. Please state your involvement in the Hispanic community, student organizations, other community organizations, civic, charitable, legal and/or social justice endeavors. Please identify which of the organizations and endeavors you will continue to participate in after graduation from law school.

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2. Provide a brief description of your academic achievements.

3. Identify why you are in need of financial assistance.

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4. Provide an exhaustive list of all sources of income and/or financial support you will and/or anticipate to receive while preparing for the New Mexico Bar Exam. (Examples include: LALSA Bar Scholarship, bar review loans, parental support.) Also, list the total cost of all bar review courses or study materials you have or intend to register for and/or purchase.

5. Where will you work upon obtaining your license to practice law? Identify your employer by name, address and telephone number. Also, please identify any source of financial support you will receive from your employer while preparing for the bar exam. For example, specify if the employer has paid for any bar review courses and/or will provide you with a stipend while preparing for the bar exam. If you have not secured employment, please identify where you would like to work and why.

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6. Please describe your prior experience (if any) and/or your future interest in practicing in areas of law which directly serve the public interest.