

STATE BAR OF TEXAS
Diversity in the Profession Committee
Bar Exam Prep Scholarship 2022-2023



Diversity in the Profession Committee History

The Diversity in the Profession Committee is one of twenty-eight committees of the State Bar of Texas. In 1989, then State Bar President Darrell Jordan of Dallas created the Committee, formerly known as the Opportunities for Minorities in the Profession Committee. Its purpose was to increase diversity in the profession, enhance opportunities for diverse individuals in the profession, and increase involvement by diverse attorneys in the bar. Just one year after its inception, the State Bar institutionalized the Committee as a standing committee, and its members successfully worked with the State Bar Board of Directors to initiate an ethnicity survey of bar membership, create a permanent staff position dedicated exclusively to minority affairs, and approve the support for diversity in State Bar grievance committees. The Committee later adopted its current name, the Diversity in the Profession Committee, to reflect the changing demographics of the state of Texas. Not lost, though, was the Committee's continual focus on promoting and pursuing new prospects and opportunities for all diverse attorneys, including women.

Diversity in the Profession Committee Composition

The Diversity in the Profession Committee is composed of twenty-eight accomplished attorneys appointed by the President-Elect of the State Bar of Texas. Committee members serve a three-year term on a volunteer basis.

Scholarship Objectives

The Diversity in the Profession Committee aims to strengthen and diversify the pipeline of individuals entering the legal profession and encourage involvement in the State Bar of Texas by familiarizing students with State Bar activities. By helping defray the financial burden of preparing for the Texas Bar Exam, this scholarship facilitates the transition into the legal profession for law students from backgrounds traditionally under-represented in the profession. This year, the scholarships will be awarded either in the form of cash awards (stipends) and/or credit toward bar prep course costs.

Eligibility and Scholarship Criteria

Third-year law school students, or graduates within the past 12 months, of an ABA-accredited law school, and who are preparing for the 2023 Texas Bar Exam are eligible for this scholarship. Selection criteria include but are not limited to academic achievement, financial need, involvement in community/extracurricular activities including student organizations and affinity groups, and leadership experience.

TO APPLY:

Email a complete application packet including all required documents as one PDF file with subject line "Application for Bar Exam Prep Scholarship" to:

Farah Kamal
Chair, State Bar of Texas Diversity in the Profession Committee
dipscholarship@texasbar.com

APPLICATIONS MUST BE EMAILED NO LATER THAN 11:59PM CST on FEBRUARY 3, 2023.

Incomplete applications and/or applications emailed after the deadline will not be considered.

Scholarships will be announced to recipients via email by the end of February.

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

II. LAW SCHOOL INFORMATION

LAW SCHOOL NAME: _____

GPA (cumulative): _____ CLASS RANK (if available): _____ EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: _____

III. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION AND MILITARY EXPERIENCE

Please provide an employment record for the past two years (or attach a résumé):

Employer	City, State	Dates Employed

Military Experience: Yes ___ No ___ If Yes, Branch: _____ Dates of Service: _____

IV. BAR EXAM PREPARATION COURSE INFORMATION

Some of the bar prep company-specific awards under this scholarship are discounts off the full list price of the bar prep courses or monetary credits toward a bar prep course. The Diversity in the Profession Committee is not responsible for determining your arrangement with a bar prep course company nor will it have the flexibility to reallocate awards once they are made. To the extent you have already paid for a bar prep course or have received a discount on a course, the Committee cannot warrant how or whether the company-specific awards will be applied to your account.

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HAVE YOU ALREADY COMMITTED TO TAKING A BAR EXAM PREP COURSE WITH A PARTICULAR COMPANY? Yes _____ No _____

If yes:

With which company? _____

What was the price of your course with that company? _____

Have you redeemed any promotions with that company? _____

What is the current balance on your account? _____

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY COMMITTED TO A PARTICULAR BAR EXAM PREP COMPANY, please specify whether you have a preference for a particular company (rank in order of interest: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 0 if you are not interested in being considered for that company's award):

BarBri _____ Kaplan _____ Themis _____ Other (please specify): _____

V. REQUIRED INFORMATION AND ESSAY

Please attach: (1) a résumé; (2) a list of three references including names, email addresses, and phone numbers; (3) law school transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable); (4) the attached financial statement itemizing your current income sources, including any financial assistance and scholarships, as well as expenses; and (5) a one-page, double spaced, 12-point font typewritten essay discussing (a) why you believe it is important for the legal profession to have lawyers from groups traditionally under-represented in the practice of law, and (b) how your receipt of this scholarship will align with the goals of the Diversity in the Profession Committee. **The application with all attachments should be emailed as one (1) PDF.**

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT: I have reviewed the information listed in this application for omission and errors. To the best of my knowledge, the information is complete and accurate as reported. I understand that the State Bar of Texas Diversity in the Profession Committee reserves the right to investigate all information in this application.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Name: _____

Law School: _____ **Exp. Graduation Year:** _____

ESTIMATED INCOME (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023)

TOTAL (\$)

Job/Internship	
Scholarships	
Grants	
Personal Loans	
Other	
TOTAL (\$)	

ESTIMATED EXPENSES (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023)

TOTAL (\$)

Tuition/Books/Fees	
Living Expenses (Rent, Utilities, Food, Car, Childcare, etc.)	
Credit Cards	
Student Loan Payments	
Extraordinary Expenses	
Other	
TOTAL (\$)	

TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME \$ _____

(minus)

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES \$ _____

FINANCIAL RESOURCES \$ _____