



2023 MABAH GALA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please email your application and attachments to mabahouston@gmail.com

Due date: October 13, 2023 by 11:59PM

The Mexican American Bar Association of Houston will host the annual gala on October 27th, 2023 at The Astorian and is happy to announce the scholarship application is now open! MABAH will be awarding a total of three (3) scholarships to deserving 2L and/or 3L law students already enrolled in a law school in Houston. One law student from each of the following law schools will be awarded with Scholarships in the amount of \$4,500.00 each:

- South Texas College of Law Houston
- Thurgood Marshall School of Law
- University of Houston Law Center

The scholarships will be awarded on a weighted scale on the basis of academic merit, leadership, and work experience, community service, hardship, and financial need.

To be considered, by 11:59 PM on October 13, 2023, applicants must send *one email* and include in *one pdf attachment* the following:

1. 2023 MABAH Gala Scholarship Application Form;
2. Transcript (unofficial or official);
3. Your resume (shall include your academics (GPA), awards, employment, MABAH and other Hispanic organizations/community service and extra-curriculars);
4. One letter of recommendation (the letter can be from a professor or work supervisor who knows you well enough to describe your academic, personal, or professional achievements and potential with candor, detail, and objectivity);
5. A copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR). The SAR may be obtained from your FAFSA. (If you are unable to provide this and to establish financial need, please provide a list of your household expenses and list any scholarships you have received in the past year.);
6. Submit a 700-word essay or less, double-spaced, justified, with pages numbered, answering the following prompt:

Personal Statement: How have your life experiences affected your view on the U.S. legal system? What inspired you to pursue a career in law or how do you see yourself making a future impact in the Hispanic legal community? How have you been involved with MABAH and/or how do you intend to incorporate MABAH's mission in your life as a law student and future attorney? What financial hardships have you experienced during your journey to and in law school and how have you overcome them?

*The **financial hardship** aspect (see rubric on next page), or what you've overcome in pursuing your education, shall be included in your personal statement. We are reviewing for style, content, and structure.*

Scholarship Requirement: The scholarship recipient will be presented at MABAH's Gala on October 27, 2023 at The Astorian and attendance is mandatory if you have been awarded a scholarship. In addition, the recipient must attend a MABAH general meeting in the future to introduce yourself and present to MABAH members and friends on how the scholarship has made a difference to your legal career.

Equal Opportunity Policy: MABAH provides equal treatment to all persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation, except where such distinction is required by law.

Initial Review: This is a blind application review and no person reviewing your application will see your name, or other demographics that could create a bias in the review process. Your information is confidential and will not be shared with persons outside of the Scholarship Committee and Gala Committee. Therefore, it is imperative the application be sent only to mabahouston@gmail.com. To maintain confidentiality, please remove your name from all of your documents, including your resume. Your name should only be on the MABAH Application.

Secondary Review: Once the initial blind application review process has been completed, it is possible that the MABAH Scholarship and Gala Committee will reach out to you and other potential candidates for additional screening and interviewing.



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Due date: October 13, 2023 by 11:59PM

Law School: _____

Year in Law School: _____

Full Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Alternate Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Alternate E-Mail Address: _____

Checklist:

- 2023 MABAH Gala Scholarship Application Form
- Transcript (unofficial or official);
- Current resume/curriculum vitae;
- One (1) Letter of recommendation;
- Student Aid Report (SAR) / List of household expenses and any scholarships
- 700-word essay

Certification:

- I certify that (i) I am a current 2L and/or 3L student attending law school, (ii) I will divulge if I am related to any MABAH Officer, Director or Scholarship Committee member, and (iii) my scholastic information is true, complete and accurate.
- I hereby give permission to MABAH to use my name, picture, or likeness as a scholarship recipient for the purpose of public relations and/or advertisement.
- I understand that all application materials become the property of MABAH and will not be returned to me.
- If selected as a recipient, I will be able to attend the MABAH Gala on October 27, 2023 at The Astorian, 2500 Summer St., Houston, Texas 77007.

Student's signature

Date

Student's Printed Name

MABAH October 2023 Gala Scholarship Rubric

ID	2L, 3L	Academic Information/ Award (Unofficial Transcript)	Community Service in MABAH/Hispanic Community (CV/resume)	Employment / Extracurricular Activities (CV/resume)	Personal Statement Answering Prompt Provided Two pages, double spaced, justified, page numbered Content, Style & Structure	Hardship/Financial Need “Overcoming financial hardships...” Proof of Financial Hardship-SAR (Part of Personal Statement)	Total Score
		35%	10%	10%	25%	20%	100%