



## VIETNAMESE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA 2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### **WHO SHOULD APPLY:**

VABANC's annual scholarship seeks to recognize students who have demonstrated a commitment to serving the needs of the Vietnamese-American community. Open to all law students, the scholarship is intended to assist recipients who are pursuing public interest or social justice goals. Priority will be given to those who have demonstrated a commitment to serving the Vietnamese-American community in Northern California and to those who will be using the scholarship award to further their public interest or social justice work, either by pursuing post-graduate work or for a summer position.

### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:**

VABANC has historically awarded at least two to three scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,000 each. For 2023, VABANC will award at least two scholarships each valued at \$2,000, with possibly larger awards based on fundraising.

The 2023 scholarship recipient(s) will be recognized at VABANC's annual scholarship gala on Friday, September 29, 2023, at the City Hall Rotunda, San Jose, CA. **Attendance at the scholarship dinner is mandatory and conditional to the award.** Please note that VABANC is unable to pay for any expenses, including transportation and lodging, in connection with your interview and/or attendance at the Scholarship Gala.

### **APPLICATION PACKAGE:**

Submit the following materials to [scholarship@vabanc.org](mailto:scholarship@vabanc.org) by **Sunday, July 30, 2023, 11:59 PM**. Any changes to this deadline will be announced on our website at [www.vabanc.org](http://www.vabanc.org).

**1) A completed application form; 2) a résumé; 3) a personal statement (no more than 800 words) on one or more of the following:**

- Identify and describe a current pressing social or legal-services need in the Vietnamese-American community, and describe your concrete plans for serving persons affected by that need; and/or
- Discuss your history of performing social justice work for the Vietnamese-American community, or a similar underserved community, i.e., activism, pro bono work; and/or
- If applicable, describe your personal experiences in overcoming socioeconomic and/or other barriers; and/or
- Identify a public-service legal project (internship, fellowship, etc.) which you are or will be involved in, and how this scholarship would enable you to execute that project.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- The 2023 scholarship recipients will be recognized at VABANC's annual scholarship dinner on September 29, 2023, San Jose City Hall Rotunda.

# VABANC

- VABANC membership required. Membership is free for students. Sign up at [www.vabanc.org](http://www.vabanc.org).
- Interviews will be conducted in August 2023.
- For the latest scholarship updates and more information about VABANC, please visit [www.vabanc.org](http://www.vabanc.org) or email your questions to [scholarship@vabanc.org](mailto:scholarship@vabanc.org).

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

(If you require additional space, please feel free to include an attachment.)

Name:

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Email:

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Address:

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Phone Number:

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**LAW SCHOOL:**

Anticipated Date of Graduation:

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Honors and Activities (including community involvement):

Areas of interest (*i.e.*, public interest, non-profit, etc.):

**COLLEGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Degree, Major and Graduation Date: .

Honors and Activities:

**GRADUATE SCHOOL (IF APPLICABLE):** \_\_\_\_\_

Degree, Major and Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

Other interests:

Languages spoken and fluency level:

Please describe your level of financial need: