



**VIETNAMESE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

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 2026, VABANC will award at least three scholarships of at least \$2,500, with a possibly for larger scholarship awards based on fundraising.

The 2026 scholarship recipients will be recognized at VABANC's annual Gala Dinner on Friday, October 23rd, 2026, at the City Hall Rotunda, San Jose, CA. **Attendance at the Gala Dinner is mandatory and a condition to receipt of 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 Gala Dinner.

APPLICATION PACKAGE:

Submit the following materials to **scholarship@vabanc.org** by **Friday, August 28, 2026, 11:59 pm PT**. Any changes to this deadline will be announced on our website at 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 topics:

- 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.



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- A VABANC membership required to apply. Membership is free for students. Sign up at www.vabanc.org.
- Interviews will be conducted in early September 2026.
- For the latest scholarship updates and more information about VABANC, please visit www.vabanc.org or email your questions to scholarship@vabanc.org.



2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Law School: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date (Month & Year): _____

Honors and Activities (including community involvement):

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

Undergraduate College or University Attended: _____

Degree: _____ Major: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Honors and Activities:



Graduate School Attended (if applicable): _____

Degree: _____ Major: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Honors and Activities:

Other Interests:

Additional Languages Spoken and Fluency Level:

Brief Description of Financial Need: