



Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County 2024-2025 Wally Davis Scholarship Application Form

The Program

This fund is sponsored by the O.C. Hispanic Bar Association and awards scholarships to Orange County Latino law students. The Fund was named in memory of Wally Davis, one of the first Latino attorneys in Orange County who fought for the civil rights of all Latinos. **Recipients are honored and expected to be present at our annual gala to be held next year.**

Eligibility

Eligible students must be current 1- or 2-L law students of Latino origin and involved in the Latino community. Priority will be given to students with significant ties to Orange County. Scholarships are open to students regardless of immigration status. The OCHBA requests your authorization to print and display portions of your personal statement and picture in our program and at our Gala for the purpose of raising awareness to the need for scholarship funds for future years.

Available Scholarship

- A maximum of one – four (1-4) scholarships will be awarded and up to \$40,000.00 will be distributed among the scholarship recipients. The funds will be distributed directly to the winners' law schools in August 2025 for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

Application Requirements

To be considered for a scholarship, you **must**:

- **Complete and sign** the 5-page application
- **Include personal statement as specified in the application**
- **Attach a resume (include relevant community involvement and legal work)**
- **Submit 2 letters of recommendation**
- **Attach a copy of your undergraduate school or law school transcripts**
- **Attach a copy of the first two pages of your/your parents most recent U.S. Income Tax Return. Please redact social security numbers in order to protect your confidential information.**
- **All materials must be postmarked by November 30, 2024.** Sign completed form and mail to:

**Hispanic Bar Association
P.O. Box 6130
Newport Beach, CA 92658
Attn: Scholarship**

You may also email your application to: info@ochba.org

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered!

Applications will be reviewed by the HBA Scholarship Committee. Please note the following dates:
November 30, 2024: Application deadline. All materials must be postmarked by this date. **December 2024/January 2025:** Notification of scholarship awards will be sent.

The OCHBA requests your authorization to print and display portions of your personal statement and picture in our program and at our Gala for the purpose of raising awareness of the need for scholarship funds for future years.

I _____, authorize the Orange County Hispanic Bar Association to print and or display all or portions of my personal statement and likeness in the newsletter and/or at the 2025 OCHBA Scholarship Fundraising Gala.

Date: _____

Signature

The Orange County Hispanic Education Endowment Fund Wally Davis Scholarship Application

Applicant's Personal Information

Last Name First Name Middle

Address Apt. Phone Number

City State Zip Date of Birth

E-mail Address

Marital Status: Married Widowed Single Separated Divorced

I am of Latino descent through my: Father Mother Grandfather Grandmother who is (are) descendants of:

Your Occupation

Occupation of Spouse (if applicable)

Occupation of Father

Occupation of Mother

What are your parents' highest levels of formal education? Enter in the box for: Mother: Father:
1- No High School 3- High School Graduate 5- 2-Year College Graduate 7- Postgraduate
2- Some High School 4- Some College 6- 4-Year College Graduate

Are you a member of the Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County? Yes No

Are you the recipient of any immigration benefit (DACA, U-Visa, etc.) Yes No

Are you bilingual (Spanish/English)? Yes No

Applicant's School Information

High School Attended _____ City/State: _____

G.P.A. _____

Undergraduate School Attended _____ City/State: _____

G.P.A. _____

Law School Currently Attending _____ City/State: _____

G.P.A. _____ Graduation Date: _____ Current Year/Level (i.e., 1L, 2L) _____

Legal Area of Interest: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

LSAT score _____ Law School Student Ranking: _____

Extracurricular Activities

List any and all volunteer and community service activities in which you have participated. For each activity, estimate and enter the approximate number of hours you spent on the activity each year. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

| Volunteer activities and community services | | From | To | |
|--|---|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Activity | Description of activity (note any leadership roles) | Month / Year | Month / Year | Hours per week |
| | | / | / | |
| | | / | / | |

Financial Information

Under federal regulations, you are considered a dependent student if you are under 24 years unless you are a graduate student; are married or have dependents other than a spouse; are an orphan/ward of the court; or are a veteran of the U.S. armed services.

- **If dependent**, please provide parents' 2023 total annual income (taxed and untaxed). **If independent**, please provide the total annual income (taxed and untaxed) for you (and your spouse if married). **Attach a copy of the first two (2) pages of the 2023 U.S. Income Tax Return to this application. Please redact Social Security numbers.**

Enter the total number of members living in your household: _____

Enter the ages of members in your household: _____

Please state your outstanding accumulated educational debt: _____

Please provide a copy of your financial aid summary provided by your school. For example, a FAFSA.

| | Student | Parents |
|--|------------------------|----------|
| 1. Income earned in the past 12 months | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| 2. Expected contribution to your education | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| 3. Total number of scholarships/grants for next school year | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| 4. Other Income sources _____ | Self \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| | Spouse \$ _____ | \$ _____ |

Anticipated Costs for 2024-2025 school year:

Tuition _____ Room & Board _____ Books _____ Other(specify) _____

Other Scholarships/Financial Aid You Have Received for 2024 and 2025

Please indicate any scholarships or sources of financial aid you have been awarded, and the amount of each

| | Amount | | Amount |
|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| 1. _____ | _____ | 2. _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ | 4. _____ | _____ |

Applicant Statement

On an attached sheet (typed and double-spaced), please address the following points in a maximum of 900 words:

1. Academic plans and career goals
2. One compelling issue facing the Latino community today
3. What motivated you to go to law school
4. How your legal education will enable you to contribute/give back to the Latino community
5. Any special family or personal circumstances that have affected your achievement in school, work, or your participation in school or community activities (if applicable).

Certification

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided in my application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the HBA may require me to provide documentation to corroborate the above information in order to be considered for this scholarship process. **I further understand that any discrepancy in my information may result in disqualification from this scholarship process and termination of any scholarship awarded.**

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Mail to: Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County
P.O. Box 6130
Newport Beach, CA 92658

Phone: 949-440-6700 x 253 Website: www.ochba.org Email: info@ocbha.org Tel. 949.760.0204

The Wally Davis Scholarship is Available to All Student Regardless of Immigration Status. Other scholarships available through the Orange County Community Foundation may be obtained at www.oc-cf.org

More information on the Hispanic Education Endowment Fund (HEEF), can be obtained at www.heef.org.

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