

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2024

The Asian and Pacific American Lawyers Association of New Jersey (APALA-NJ) cordially invites you to submit an application for its 2024 law student scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at APALA-NJ's 25th Annual Gala at Stone House at Stirling Ridge, Warren, New Jersey.

Scholarship recipients will receive a scholarship award in the sum of \$1,000 and must attend the Gala <u>in person</u> to accept the award. Each scholarship recipient will receive a complimentary ticket. Award will be featured in APALA-NJ's Annual Gala booklet. One recipient will be selected from each of New Jersey's three law schools - Rutgers Camden, Rutgers Newark and Seton Hall.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

To apply for the scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled in an ABA Accredited New Jersey law school
- Full-time first- or second-year student, or part-time first, second- or thirdyear student
- Be in good academic standing
- Student of Asian, South Asian, and/or Pacific-Islander descent

The following factors will be considered:

- Community service/civic involvement
- Academic achievement
- Financial need

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Following Application Materials Must Be Submitted by August 1, 2024:

- Current resume
- Current transcript (an unofficial transcript is acceptable)
- Responses to short essay questions below.
- Headshot
- Brief Bio (1-3 paragraphs)
- Completed Application materials should be e-mailed to:
- o For Rutgers Law Camden Arupa Barua <u>barua85@gmail.com</u>;
- o For Rutgers Law Newark Ashwath Trasi ashwath.trasi@gmail.com
- o For Seton Hall Law Micaela Itona micaela.itona@gmail.com

You will receive a confirmation upon receipt of your scholarship application.

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please answer two of the three questions. Maximum word limit per question is **500** words.

- 1. What does "cultural competency" mean to you? Share an experience, academic or professional, that highlights the importance of cultural competency and diversity in the legal profession.
- 2. What is your vision of diversity and inclusion in the legal field? How do you plan to empower AAPI/South Asian/APA attorneys and promote diversity and inclusion in the profession?
- 3. What are some cultural values and traditions from your AAPI/South Asian/APA heritage that have influence you? How can those values be integrated to promote diversity in the legal profession?

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS <u>August 1, 2024</u>. Only awardees will be notified that they have been selected. *

Very Truly Yours, APALA-NJ 2024 Gala Scholarship Committee

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