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 in person 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 third-year 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:

  - For Rutgers Law Camden – Arupa Barua barua85@gmail.com;
  - For Rutgers Law Newark – Ashwath Trasi ashwath.trasi@gmail.com
  - 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 August 1, 2024.**
Only awardees will be notified that they have been selected. *

Very Truly Yours,
APALA-NJ 2024 Gala
Scholarship Committee

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