



**VIETNAMESE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
2016 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Who should apply:

Through its annual scholarship, VABANC recognizes students who have demonstrated a commitment to serving the needs of the Vietnamese-American and Vietnamese communities. Open to all currently enrolled law students, the scholarship is intended to provide assistance to students with their public interest or social justice goals. Priority will be given to those who have demonstrated a commitment to serving Vietnamese-American and/or Vietnamese communities 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.

What the scholarship entails:

VABANC has historically awarded two scholarships of at least \$1,000 each at our past annual scholarship dinners. The award amount may increase based on fundraising. In 2015, VABANC awarded \$2,000 to each recipient. We hope to continue this award amount.

The 2016 scholarship recipients will be recognized at VABANC's annual scholarship dinner on Friday, October 14, 2016 at Dynasty Restaurant, 1001 Story Rd #200 in San Jose. This year, the dinner coincides with the National Conference of Vietnamese American Attorneys (NCVVA)'s welcoming gala. Attendance at the scholarship dinner is mandatory (*i.e.*, the award is contingent on attendance). 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 dinner.

What you will need:

1) A completed application form; 2) a résumé 3) VABANC membership (student membership is free on our website: vabanc.org) 4) a personal statement (no more than 800 words) describing:

- Pressing concerns faced by the Vietnamese-American and/or Vietnamese community, and how you will contribute to or engage in addressing such concerns; and/or
- Your contributions to or activism within the Vietnamese-American and/or Vietnamese community; and/or
- If you were a board member, what contributions can you bring to VABANC; and/or
- Your experiences in overcoming socioeconomic and/or other barriers.

Important things to know:

- The deadline is **Sunday, July 17th, 2016, by 11:59pm PDT.**
- Please e-mail applications to scholarship@vabanc.org.
- In-person/video interviews will be conducted the first week of August.
- For more information, please visit www.vabanc.org.



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(Please type or print all answers legibly. If you need more room, please feel free to include an attachment.)

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone Number:

Alternate Phone Number:

LAW SCHOOL:

Anticipated Date of Graduation:

Honors and Activities (including community involvement):

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

COLLEGE:

Degree:

Major:

Graduation Date:

Honors and Activities:

GRADUATE SCHOOL (IF APPLICABLE):

Degree:

Major:

Graduation Date:

OTHER INFORMATION:

Other interests:

Languages spoken and fluency level:

Please describe your level of financial need: