



2021-2022 HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Hispanic Bar Association of Michigan (HBAM) has furthered its mission to advance representation of the Hispanic/Latinx legal community by awarding scholarships to Michigan law students who seek to advance Hispanic/Latinx interests through their legal careers.

HBAM's 2021-2022 Law School Scholarship is **open to all students who are enrolled full-time at an accredited Michigan law school in the 2021-2022 academic school year. Applicants must be current student members of HBAM and intend to service the Michigan communities after law school.**

Applicants are evaluated based on four main factors: 1) personal background and financial need; 2) academic and extracurricular achievement; 3) demonstrated commitment to serving the Hispanic/Latinx community, shown through academic, extracurricular, or professional record of service; and 4) future plans to advance the rights of Hispanic/Latinx.

HBAM will be offering two \$1,000 scholarships— need-based and merit-based. Students will be informed if they were selected and awarded in May.



THE APPLICATION PROCESS – PHASE 1

The selection process begins with the online application. This phase of the process is designed to be simple and straightforward. It is our hope that the guidance below will help you complete your application thoroughly and quickly. **A complete Phase 1 application package will include the following components:**

- 1. Online application on our website, <https://hispanicbarofmi.org>**
- 2. Personal statement up to 500 words**
 - a. The personal statement is an opportunity to describe the uniqueness of your character, abilities, and life experience in your own voice: Who are you? What motivates you? What impact are you looking to make in the world? Your personal statement assists the selection committee in getting to know and understand you as a person. Your personal statement is also used to assess your writing proficiency. You should discuss those aspects of your background, experience, talents, achievements, and interests that you believe are important for us to know.*
- 3. Essay up to 500 words, double spaced**
 - a. You must submit a response to the essay prompt below. In your essay, please articulate your understanding of and passion for racial justice, as well as your commitment to pursuing and furthering the advancement of the Hispanic/Latinx communities in Michigan. Please read the prompt carefully and limit your response accordingly. Your essay is essential to helping the selection committee understand what has motivated you to pursue this opportunity and the depth of your commitment to the Hispanic/Latinx communities.*
 - b. Please submit an essay in support of your candidacy explaining how you intend to serve the Michigan Hispanic/Latinx community once practicing as an attorney.*
- 4. Transcripts**
 - a. An unofficial transcript is acceptable and encouraged for the purposes of this application. However, keep in mind that an official transcript will be required if you are selected for an award. If you are selected, we will provide specific instructions for submitting official transcripts. Your transcript must be in English and must include all courses and grades received as well as the date of the undergraduate and graduate (if applicable) degree, if completed.*
- 5. Resume**
 - a. Your resumé should provide details about your employment history, internships, extra-curricular activities, community service, and hobbies. You should include comprehensive details about your experiences and include any awards and honors. Do not include high school information or activities unless they provide evidence of your sustained engagement in the fight for greater representation of the Hispanic/Latinx communities or evidence of your commitment to working in Michigan.*
- 6. Letter of Recommendation**
 - a. Your application must include one (1) letter of recommendation. Letters may be from academia, employers, pre-law advisors, and/or other professionals who have worked closely with you or know you well. Letters should contain substantive, comparative information about your abilities, activities, and personal qualities, including specific examples that illustrate these attributes. Letter writers should indicate their relationship to you within their letter. Letters are limited to no more than 2 pages and may be .pdf or .docx files. Please note that .doc files cannot be accepted.*



Please submit your application online at our website:

<https://hispanicbarofmi.org>

PLEASE DELIVER APPLICATION MATERIALS TOGETHER ELECTRONICALLY

TO: HBAMICHIGAN@GMAIL.COM

OR, BY MAIL TO:

**HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN
C/O Marva De Armas
613 Abbott St, Suite 450
Detroit MI 48226**

APPLICATIONS MUST BE EMAILED OR POSTMARKED BY Sunday, May 1, 2022

THE EVALUATION — PHASE 2

The second phase of the selection process is the evaluation process. No additional materials are required at this point. Our scholarship committee will evaluate and score each applicant based on the strength of the applicant and supporting documents. Three possible candidates will be presented to the Board of Directors and two applicants will be selected.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND AWARDING – PHASE 3

Applicants will be informed of their selection by Friday, May 13, 2022. Applicants will be awarded their scholarships at our 30th anniversary celebration on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 7:00PM.