

MEXICAN AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATIONAL FUND

634 South Spring St., 11th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90014

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APPLICATION FOR THE 2009 MALDEF LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

The MALDEF Law School Scholarship Program awards scholarships of up to \$7,000 each year to deserving individuals entering their first, second or third year of law school. Students must be enrolled in law school full-time in the **upcoming** school year to qualify.

The scholarships are awarded to students based upon three primary factors:

- (1) demonstrated involvement in and commitment to serve the Latino community through the legal profession;
- (2) academic and professional achievement; and
- (3) financial need.

Please read the application instructions thoroughly before completing and sending in your materials.

All application materials must be completed and received by the MALDEF LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, 634 S. Spring Street, 11th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90014, by Monday, August 31, 2009. **FAXED APPLICATION MATERIALS (INCLUDING LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS, ETC.) WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. ANY ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER October 2nd WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.**

A complete application must include the following eight (8) items:

- a. A **completed and signed MALDEF scholarship application form**;
- b. Your **current résumé (to include information on education, community activities, work experience, interests, etc)**;
- c. A **typed personal statement** of 750 words or less, double-spaced, detailing your reasons for studying law, your interest in a particular legal field, your professional objectives, your plans after law school, and describing your past involvement in activities which you believe to have served or benefited the Latino community and how these activities relate to your decision to pursue a career in the legal profession;
- d. An **official undergraduate transcript** or photocopy of an official transcript;
- e. For law school students who have already completed one year or more of law school: please also provide an **official law school transcript or photo copy of an official transcript**;

- f. **A letter of recommendation describing your involvement in the Latino community from a person familiar with that involvement;**
- g. **A letter of recommendation from a college, or law school professor;** AND
- h. **Completed financial need statement** (attached) from the school you are or will be attending that indicates both the financial assistance that will be provided to you by the school and your unmet financial need; please use the enclosed form and have the form delivered to MALDEF directly by the school's financial aid office by Monday, August 31, 2009.
- i. (optional) A copy of your LSDAS Report with your LSAT score.*

* MALDEF has serious reservations about the predictive ability of LSAT scores; therefore, while applicants may opt to provide the LSDAS Report, MALDEF will not weigh the LSAT score heavily in choosing scholarship recipients.

2009 MALDEF LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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Instructions: Please answer each question completely and accurately. Where necessary, use additional pages to complete your answers, noting on such pages the number of the question to which you are responding. If a question is not applicable, indicate this by writing "N/A" in the blank. **Failure to answer all questions will result in an incomplete application, which may NOT be considered.**

1. PERSONAL

Last Name	First Name	Middle	Email	
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Current Address	City	State	Zip Code	Telephone #
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Permanent Address	City	State	Zip Code	Telephone #
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Please checkmark where you would like any award notification sent to you:

Current Address Permanent Address Other (provide address below):

Parents/guardians: _____

Current Address	City	State	Zip Code	Telephone #
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Father's occupation & annual income: _____

Mother's occupation & annual income: _____

Your occupation in year
before starting law school _____

Income _____

2. EDUCATION

Law School you are attending or expect to attend: _____

Classification **Next Year (10-11)**: First Year Second Year Third Year

Expected date of graduation: _____ 20_____

Undergraduate School(s) _____

Degree _____ Year _____

Have you ever applied for a MALDEF Scholarship? _____ If so, what year? _____

Did you receive a scholarship? _____ If so, in what amount? _____

3. ASSETS

List all assets you (and your spouse) expect to have (before the payment of any school expenses) at the beginning of the coming academic year. Treat property owned jointly with your spouse as yours. Explain fully on a separate page the source of any other substantial assets.

- a. Estimated cash on hand and other investments
(include all cash on hand irrespective of whether it is in the form of loans, savings or checking accounts; for stocks, bonds and mutual funds, please estimate at current market value) _____
- b. Real estate: fair market value _____
minus mortgage _____ equals value or equity _____
- c. Other assets (describe) _____
- d. **Total** _____

5. Do you support, either fully or in part, anyone other than yourself? If yes, give the name, address, age, and relationship of each person and a brief description of the nature of the support.

6. OTHER INFORMATION: Please discuss any other facts or circumstances (financial or otherwise) relating to this application which you think MALDEF should be aware of, or which you think might be useful to your application. (Please use additional page if necessary.)

7. CONFIDENTIALITY: All information contained in and submitted with this application will be treated by MALDEF and its Scholarship Committee as confidential, except to the extent necessary to verify information. This confidentiality provision may be waived by the applicant, however, so that MALDEF may use the information to seek additional funding for MALDEF's Scholarship Programs. Waiver or nonwaiver is irrelevant to determining scholarship awards.

In view of the foregoing, I hereby consent and agree that the information pertinent to this application may be used by MALDEF for the purpose of soliciting funding for the Law School Scholarship Program.

Date: _____ Signature of applicant: _____

8. SIGNATURE: I understand that the MALDEF Scholarship Programs will rely on the information contained in this application. The above statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: _____ Signature of applicant: _____

MALDEF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

FINANCIAL NEED STATEMENT

To Law School FINANCIAL AID OFFICER:

The student named below is applying to the above referenced program. To assist her/him in fulfilling application requirements, please provide us with the following information:

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

STUDENT I.D. NUMBER: _____

SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION (law school year for which scholarship is sought):

FIRST YEAR _____ SECOND YEAR _____ THIRD YEAR _____

Student's established budget _____
(forthcoming academic year)

(includes tuition, housing, parking, fees, books, etc.) \$ _____
(Budget)

Total financial assistance provided \$ _____
(all sources on file; please (loans, grants, scholarships combined)
indicate TOTAL amounts of
loans, scholarships and grants combined)

Student's unmet financial need \$ _____
(unmet need)

Law School Financial Aid Officer's signature and title

Law School

WE APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION. THANK YOU.
Must be received by Monday, August 31, 2009 at: MALDEF Law School Scholarship,
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