



## Scholarship Program for Law Students

The Puerto Rican Bar Association is pleased to announce the 2010-2011 Puerto Rican Bar Association (PRBA) Scholarship Program for Latino law students. The PRBA, founded in New York in 1957 is one of the oldest Latino bar associations in the United States. Today, the PRBA continues its tradition of breaking down barriers to the legal profession with active members throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

- **The Puerto Rican Bar Association (PRBA) Scholarship Award** (\$2,000-*may vary*)  
All Latino students attending law school in New York are eligible to apply. PRBA selects recipients based on financial need and academic promise. Scholarship recipients will be contacted directly by the PRBA.

All applicants must be a first or second year student\* (1L, 2L) in a JD degree program at an American Bar Association (ABA) approved law school. Students working towards their LL.M. are NOT eligible for this award.

If you are an entering law student (entering the fall of 2010) you **MUST** be accepted into law school and have confirmed your attendance to be eligible to receive this award. It is at the scholarship committee's discretion that your application will be considered.

### **Postmark Deadline to file EXTENDED to: Saturday, March 13, 2010**

All scholarship candidates *must* submit a **complete and accurate** application along with the required supplemental materials **postmarked by Saturday, March 13, 2010 to be considered.**

*\* Third year evening students are also eligible to apply.*  
Scholarship recipients will be notified by mid May 2010.



## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. **Scholarship Application.** The application **MUST** be signed with all relevant sections completed. Please print or type.
2. **Official Transcript.** Please submit a copy of your latest official transcript. If you are a first year law student, send your undergraduate official transcript. You may also submit your first semester's grades if they are released before our application deadline.
3. **Resume** (two pages max please).
4. **Financial Aid Notice/Letter.** Financial aid notice *from your school* indicating the amount awarded for the 2009/2010 academic year OR a letter from your school that states you are not eligible to receive aid.
5. **1040 Tax Form.** Include a copy of your most recent tax form filed, and if applicable, your spouse's form (if filed separately). *If for any reason you did not receive a W-2 form or file income tax papers, you must provide an explanation.*
6. **Personal Statement.** A personal statement discussing your career goals, school and community activities, and any activities demonstrating your commitment to serve the Latino community (no longer than two pages max). Updating the personal essay you submitted with your law school applications is acceptable.
7. **Recommendation Letters.** Up to two letters of recommendation are *optional*. Letters should specifically comment on your academics, professional skills and/or public interest/community work. All letters **should** be addressed to the Puerto Rican Bar Association Scholarship Fund, Church Street Station, P.O. Box 3494, New York, NY 10008-3494.

## General Instructions

Read the application carefully, follow the instructions and complete **ALL** required sections. An incomplete application will **NOT** be considered.

1. Print/type carefully so that your form will be easy to read.
2. Round off figures to the nearest dollar.
3. If the question does not apply to you, do not leave it blank. Put "N/A" in the answer space.
4. Explain all items marked with an asterisk (\*) or special circumstances that may effect your financial situation.
5. Make sure to **SIGN** the form. **Applications without a signature will be declined.**

## Special Instructions

1. Please make sure that you provide an address and telephone number where you can be contacted both during the academic year and summer.
2. If you are living with a non-marital spouse (significant other), please provide all the requested information under the sections entitled "spouse."
3. In section VII, give totals for the twelve- (12) month period (August through July).



4. Write in the total amount of scholarships and/or grants awarded to you. Also indicate the total amount of loans you will receive.
5. In section VIII, itemize the type of scholarship, loan and special award you will receive.

*Other Expenses*

1. If rent and utilities are shared, please indicate the amount you contribute towards payment.
2. Transportation expenses while in school (during nine-month academic year) should reflect transportation expenses to and from law school only.
3. Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary to explain or describe any additional or extraordinary circumstances.

*Please print or type. Read the instructions carefully before completing the application.*



**I. General Information**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Father's \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnic/Racial Background. Check the appropriate ethnic/racial designation(s):

- African American                       Asian/Pacific Islander                       Chicano/Mexican American  
 Dominican                                       Native American                                       Puerto Rican  
 Other Latino (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  Caucasian

**PRESENT MAILING ADDRESS**

**PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS**

Street \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please specify if this is a mobile number)*

Business Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*(please print clearly)*

**II. Scholarship Information**

1. Have you ever applied for a scholarship award from the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (PRLDEF)?    YES                       NO
2. Have you ever received a scholarship from PRLDEF?    YES                       NO   
Amount of Award and year granted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_
3. Have you previously applied for a scholarship award from the Puerto Rican Bar Association?    YES                       NO
4. Have you ever received a scholarship from the Puerto Rican Bar Association?  
YES     NO     Amount of Award and year granted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_



Name \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Education Background**

List in order of attendance all colleges, universities and graduate schools that you have attended.

School Name	Dates of Attendance/ Graduation, Degree	Major/Fields of Study

**IV. Law School**

Name of the Law School you are attending (*Reminder: you must be currently enrolled to apply*):

\_\_\_\_\_

Date you entered law school \_\_\_\_\_. Date you expect your degree \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of credits needed to graduate: \_\_\_\_\_. Number of credits completed \_\_\_\_\_

The 2010 - 2011 academic year is your 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ \*3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ year in law school.  
(\* only 3<sup>rd</sup> year *evening* students are eligible)

**V. Personal**

Marital and Dependency Status: { } Single { } Married / Living with Significant Other

\*Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Business Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Dependents (if applicable; include spouse if spouse is dependent on you):



Names of Children/ Dependents	Relation to Applicant	Age	Amount of Support Full/Partial

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**V. Personal (Continued)**

During the school year, the applicant will live:  On Campus  Off Campus  With Parents

Explain any particular or special living situations, which PRLDEF should consider below.

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**VI. Current Employment (Describe nature of work and position.)**

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Name and Address of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hours of Work (per week) \_\_\_\_\_ Wages Earned\* \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please specify whether wages are weekly, monthly, etc.)*

**VII. EXPENSES AND RESOURCES**

Please estimate for the 2010/2011 academic year. Use a 12-month period: 8/1/09 through 7/31/10. (Okay to base these numbers on your current year's financial aid budget.)

**RESOURCES**

**EXPENSES**

1. Scholarships/Grants\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Loans\* \_\_\_\_\_

1. Tuition/Fees \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Books/Supplies \_\_\_\_\_



3. Special Awards (e.g. CLEO) \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Work Study \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Tuition Waiver \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total Financial Aid Award Anticipated:** \_\_\_\_\_

6. Student Earnings \_\_\_\_\_  
 7. Spouse's Earnings \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Spouse's Financial Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. Government Benefits \_\_\_\_\_  
 10. Family Contribution\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. Savings\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Other resources \_\_\_\_\_

**Subtotal (6 – 12):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Yearly Resources:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

3. Transportation\*\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Rent/Mortgage \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Utilities \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. Living Expenses (food/clothes) \_\_\_\_\_  
 7. Spouse's Education Expenses \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Child Care \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. Other Expenses\* \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total Yearly Expenses:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Transportation means to and from school ONLY.**

**VIII. Resources and Expenses – Explanation of Special or Unique Items in VII**

Resources: Itemize and explain each resource marked with an asterisk (\*) above.

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- 2.
- 3.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.

Expenses: Itemize and explain each resource marked with an asterisk (\*) above.

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I certify that the information reported on this application is complete and accurate:	
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Signature	Date

Please mail your completed application along with all supporting documentation by ***March 13, 2010*** to:

**PRBA Scholarship Fund c/o PRBA  
Church Street Station  
P.O. Box 3494  
New York, NY 10008-3494**

Thank you. We look forward to receiving your application.

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