



2013 DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

*Offered through the State Bar of Nevada's Diversity Committee
and funded by the Lawyer Referral and Information Service Committee*

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW:

The State Bar of Nevada's Diversity Committee grants two \$5,000 scholarships each year to University of Nevada Las Vegas' Boyd School of Law students who embrace the Committee's mission to increase diversity within the membership and leadership of the State Bar of Nevada and the profession and to promote cultural competence. Scholarships are awarded based on merit with equal consideration given to financial need, demonstrated potential for leadership, and academic excellence. Primary consideration will be given to applicants whose essay responses best represent the Committee's mission.

The Diversity Scholarship is open to all full and part-time Boyd School of Law students. Preference is given to those students who attended the University of Nevada Las Vegas or the University of Nevada Reno for undergraduate studies, a Nevada high school, and/or to students who have been Nevada residents for 5 years or longer.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

Winners of the Diversity Scholarship will be individually notified by May 3, 2013 and formally announced at a date and location to be determined. Scholarship awards will be granted directly to the selected Boyd School of Law student in two installments of \$2,500 to be paid at the beginning of the 2013 fall and 2014 spring semesters.

Members of the Diversity Committee Scholarship Subcommittee will make all final determinations for award recipients. The State Bar of Nevada reserves the right to publicize the names of the scholarship winners and portions of the application submission, including the Diversity Essay.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS/DEADLINE:

In addition to the completed Diversity Scholarship Application, include the following items:

- ✓ Unofficial undergraduate transcript from each school attended
- ✓ Unofficial Boyd School of Law transcript (if applicable)
- ✓ Brief resume including education history, work experience, and any other pertinent information such as community involvement and publications.

Do NOT submit the following items with your application: photographs of yourself, supplemental writing samples, or letters of recommendation. They will not be considered.

The deadline for the submission of the Diversity Scholarship Application and supporting documentation is **April 22, 2013** at 5:00 p.m. Late applications will not be accepted. Submissions must be made electronically with all documentation contained in one email to lisam@nvbar.org.

For additional questions, please contact Lisa McGrane at the above email address or at (702) 382-2200.



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1. Indicate your class status for the academic year 2013-2014.

2. Indicate your enrollment status for the academic year 2013-2014.

3. Expected Graduation Date:

4. Personal Data

Mr. Ms. Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

E-mail:

Phone Number:

5. Educational History (Attach supplemental list if necessary)

Undergraduate Institution:

City:

State:

Major(s):

Degree:

Year:

6. **Community Service/Leadership.** In 150 words or less, please list any community service organizations of which you have been a part and your role as it pertains to the promotion of diversity.

7. **Financial Need.** In 150 words or less, please describe how the Diversity Scholarship will benefit you financially.



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Mission:

1. *To increase diversity within the membership and leadership of the State Bar of Nevada and the profession.*
 - *Support and encourage opportunities for current and aspiring attorneys from underrepresented groups*
 - *Raise awareness of the benefits of diversity*

2. *To promote cultural competence in the profession.*

8. **Diversity Essay.** In 500 words or less, please describe your views on diversity as they relate to the State Bar of Nevada's Diversity Committee's mission statement (above). Include in your description how you would address and/or promote diversity within the State Bar and the profession and what personal experiences, if any, have helped to shape your opinion.



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9. **Pipeline.** The State Bar of Nevada's Diversity Committee is committed to improving the pipeline of law related education to students grades K-12 who may not have ordinarily considered law as a career. In 300 words or less, please tell us about what experiences inspired you to become an attorney. How would you go about assisting others to pursue a career in law?