



Mexican American Bar Association of Los Angeles County

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The Mexican American Bar Association (“MABA”) is a professional organization whose mission is to empower the Latino community. Our membership is comprised of law students, attorneys, mediators, judges, and others in the legal community in Los Angeles County. MABA organizes several events to carry out its mission including Community Legal Fairs and visits to Los Angeles County high schools.

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This year, MABA is excited to announce its second **MABA High School Scholarship** to support one first-year college student beginning college in the Fall of 2016 with his or her college-related expenses. Only students who attend schools that participate in MABA’s *High School Visitation Program* in 2016 are eligible to apply. In awarding the Scholarship, MABA will consider each applicant’s financial need, community service, leadership experience, and any hardship experienced in pursuing an education. Because MABA is firmly committed to the empowerment of the Latino community, *all* students, regardless of immigration status, are eligible to apply. MABA will award, at least, one student with a \$1,000 Scholarship.

To qualify for the MABA 2016 High School Scholarship, each applicant must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be a high school senior graduating in May or June, 2016 from one of the following high schools or youth program:
 - Academia Avance High School
 - Diego Rivera Learning Complex
 - i.am College Track Boyle Heights
 - MEChA de UCLA’s Raza Youth Conference Senior Attendees
 - Miguel Contreras Learning Complex
 - Weingart East Los Angeles YMCA Youth Institute
 - Wilson High School
 - Variety Boys & Girls Club (Brent’s Club)
 - If your school is not listed, be sure to check the Facebook page of the **Mexican American Bar Association** to see if students from your school become eligible to apply.
- Plan to enroll Full-Time in an accredited not-for-profit 2-year Community College or 4-year College or University during the Fall of 2016;
- Complete the (1) MABA High School Scholarship Application and provide a (2) Student Statement and (3) Statement of Financial Need;
- Provide high school transcripts (*please note that there is no GPA requirement; the transcripts are used to ensure that the student is in good academic standing*);
- If selected to interview*, you must be available to interview with the MABA High School Scholarship Committee; and
- If selected to receive the Scholarship*, you must be available to attend a ceremony where you will be honored at The San Antonio Winery on the evening of Thursday, June 16th, 2016.



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Please email the completed Application and supporting documents as one PDF file to the MABA High School Scholarship Selection Committee at mabalaco@sbcglobal.net by **4:00 PM on Monday, May 23rd, 2016**. In the "Subject" section of the email, please write: "Application-MABA High School Scholarship."

Selected applicants *may* be contacted for interviews. Please note that family members of anyone on the 2016 MABA Board are not eligible to apply for this Scholarship.

Please direct any questions to Richard Chacón, 2016 MABA High School Committee Chair, at richchacon@aol.com. You may also direct your inquiries to Maria Torres, MABA Administrator, at mabalaco@sbcglobal.net or at (213) 749-2889.

We look forward to seeing your completed Application by May 23rd, 2016!

Sincerely,

MABA 2016 High School Scholarship Committee



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MABA 2016 High School Scholarship Application

Please type or use blue or black ink to complete the application.

You may use additional pages if necessary to provide the requested information.

Student Information:

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Ethnic origin: _____

Gender: _____

Permanent address _____

Telephone _____

number(s): _____ (Please list all telephone numbers where you can be reached.)

Educational Information:

High School: _____

Graduation Date: _____ (You must be graduating in May or June, 2015 to apply.)

Please list all of the colleges where you have applied. For each school, please indicate whether you have been accepted, wait-listed, or rejected, if you have received this information as of the time you submit your application.

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Community Involvement:

List *all* of your extra-curricular activities. Please include positions and dates of involvement.

List *all* of your involvement in Community Service. Please include all positions within all the organizations or projects and dates of involvement.

Accomplishments:

List *all* of your Honors, Awards, or Accomplishments.

Student Statement *(please type, double-spaced either below or in a separate document):*

In 1,000 words or less, please explain why you should be awarded the MABA 2015 High School Scholarship. You should include information regarding your background, reasons for pursuing further education, challenges you have faced in life, financial need, career goals, any special circumstances, and any other information you would like considered by the MABA High School Scholarship Committee. The word limit will be strictly enforced.

Statement of Financial Need (please type, double-spaced either below or in a separate document):

In 500 words or less, please explain your current sources or expected sources of income to pay for college in the Fall of 2015. Also, please explain you how plan to finance your college education. Be sure to include the following information in your Statement: (1) if you work, how much money do you make and (2) the occupations and annual income of your parent(s) and/or guardian(s). The word limit will be strictly enforced.

Transcript:

Please attach the most recent version of your High School transcript to your application. Because you will need to scan and email the transcript to us, unofficial transcripts are okay.

Certification Statement:

By signing below, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email Your Completed Application to mabalaco@sbc.global.net in a single PDF file by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23rd, 2016.

Checklist: Are all of the following items included in your finalized PDF file?

- Completed Application
- Signed Certification Statement
- Transcript
- Student Statement (Word Count: _____)
- Statement of Financial Need (Word Count: _____)