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NATIONAL FILIPINO AMERICAN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION



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PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 22, 2018



National Filipino American Lawyers Association (NFALA) Presidential Scholarships

These scholarships are sponsored by:

National Filipino American Lawyers Association

Filipino American Lawyers of San Diego (FALSD)

Javier-Dedoyco Family

IMPORTANT DATES

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| October 9, 2018 | The scholarship application is available |
| October 22, 2018 | The application and supporting materials must be received by 5:00 PM PDT. |
| October 26, 2018 | Scholarship Awardees are notified |
| November 8, 2018 | Scholarship presentation at the NFALA Gala, Chicago, IL |



OVERVIEW

NFALA Presidential Scholarships

Each year, NFALA, independently and/or in partnership with affiliates and members, awards scholarships to law students who demonstrate exceptional aptitude for the study of law, coupled with a strong commitment to serve or contribute to the Filipino-American community as future leaders in the legal profession.

NFALA will award up to four scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. Winners will also be provided with a \$350 travel stipend to receive the scholarship award at the NFALA Installation Dinner and Gala.

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS

1. National Filipino American Lawyers Association



NFALA is the national voice for the Filipino-American legal profession. It advocates for justice, civil rights, and equal opportunity for the Filipino-American community. It cultivates high standards of integrity and professionalism among its members and strives for the advancement and success of Filipino-Americans within the profession. NFALA is a family, comprised of members throughout the United States, with the shared goal of increasing its national growth, impact, and visibility while also celebrating its members' cultural heritage.

2. Filipino American Lawyers of San Diego (FALSD)



Filipino American Lawyers of San Diego (FALSD) is a volunteer-based, non-profit organization dedicated to advancing Filipino American legal professionals and the Asian Pacific American community. FALSD seeks to promote and advocate the interest of its community by preserving and fostering culture, heritage, and diversity. FALSD provides educational, networking and business opportunities for its members. In addition, FALSD regularly hosts and co-sponsors CLEs, mixers, volunteer events and legal clinics. The organization serves the community by volunteering for projects including Project Facelift, Dress for Success, Bagong Kulturang Pilipino – California, San Diego Food Bank and I Love A Clean San Diego. FALSD members routinely volunteer with Legal Aid Society of San Diego, providing pro bono services to individuals in need. Finally, FALSD strongly supports local law students by

providing mentorship, educational seminars and by awarding scholarships to deserving students to cover the cost of taking the State Bar Examination.

3. Javier-Dedoyco Family



The NFALA Presidential Scholarship is sponsored in honor of the Honorable Angel C. Dedoyco, a Philippine judge and mayor who served his community with distinction and compassion. Since he was first called to the bar on March 18, 1957, Judge Dedoyco dedicated over thirty years to bettering the Filipino community. As an attorney, he provided pro bono services to those who lived in poverty. As a judge, he applied the law fairly and impartially in the pursuit of justice. As mayor, he used his knowledge of the law to make decisions that were ethical and driven solely by the interests of the community he served. Judge Dedoyco subscribed to the idea that knowledge of the law is power and when applied in service to the community, it gives the community strength.



ELIGIBILITY

NFALA scholarships are made available, on a competitive basis, to students who are enrolled in an accredited U.S. law school, including but not limited to, students enrolled in the Fall of 2018 (Fall 2018 enrollees should submit a statement from your law school certifying that you are a law degree candidate enrolled at least part-time). Applicants must be U.S. citizens, legal permanent residents, or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients. NFALA strongly encourages applications from applicants reflecting diverse cultural and experiential backgrounds, people with disabilities and of diverse ethnic, racial, religious, and socioeconomic backgrounds, work experiences, national origins, sexual orientations and ages.

CRITERIA

The NFALA Presidential Scholarships are awarded on the basis of:

- a. Official or unofficial copies of your law school transcript (or for a first-year law student, a statement from your law school certifying that you are a law degree candidate enrolled at least part-time);
- b. Resume;
- c. Two (2) letters for recommendation (from persons not related to you), if available; and
- d. Essay.

QUESTIONS

Questions should be directed by e-mail to Gage Javier, NFALA Scholarship Committee Chair, at gage.javier@gmail.com.



INSTRUCTIONS

Your essay should be no longer than 500 words and should discuss your commitment to/interest in serving and advancing the Filipino American and AAPI community. Of all the parts of the application, your essay carries the greatest weight. Please emphasize any experience you have that shows your commitment to serving the Filipino American and AAPI community, as well as your need for financial assistance.

Please submit two letters of recommendation (recommendation letters for law school admission are acceptable). It is not necessary to submit more than two recommendation letters. If you submit more than two letters, the committee may only review the first two letters received. Letters may be sealed or unsealed and sent directly by the recommender or by the applicant. An application is not excluded from consideration if no letter of recommendations are provided, though it is recommended.

Applications must be submitted in **one PDF file with the title “2018 NFALA Scholarship Application – [Applicant Name]”** that consists of the Scholarship application, transcripts, resume, letters of recommendation, and essay.

Completed applications must be emailed to gage.javier@gmail.com by October 22, 2018, by 5:00 PM PDT. The subject line should read **“2018 NFALA Scholarship Application – [Applicant Name].”**



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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MAILING ADDRESS	
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PHONE NUMBER	
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EMAIL ADDRESS	
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LAW SCHOOL	
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ADDRESS	
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FINANCIAL AID OFFICE PHONE NUMBER	
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EXPECTED YEAR OF GRADUATION	
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ARE YOU THE FIRST PERSON IN YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY TO GRADUATE COLLEGE?	YES _____	NO _____
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ARE YOU A US CITIZEN OR LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT?	YES _____	NO _____
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ARE YOU A DACA RECIPIENT?	YES _____	NO _____
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IF AWARDED, ARE YOU ABLE TO TRAVEL TO CHICAGO, IL TO RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP ON NOVEMBER 8, 2018?	YES _____	NO _____
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