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**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

**DEADLINE** **EXTENDED!**

The Foundation must receive complete application materials by:

**April 26, 2024 (by end of day)**

**SUBMISSION FORM**

Applicants may submit their application using this fillable .pdf form or by completing the form online via the following link:

<https://forms.gle/mMmibmpkrV5zwGJb6>

If the response space provided in this form is insufficient, please note so on the response line and include a separate attachment with the full response.

Applicants can elect to submit narrative responses directly in this form or as attachments. If submitting as attachments, please separate each narrative response on a new page with the relevant prompt at the top.

Email the entire application (including narrative responses and requested documentation) as a single .pdf document to:

[thlafoundation@gmail.com](mailto:thlafoundation@gmail.com)

Also submit narrative responses in an editable version (e.g., Microsoft Word) to the above email.

**QUESTIONS**

Please direct questions about the application or process to the above email.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for a scholarship award, Applicants must:

1. Be a current, paid member of the Tom Homann LGBTQ+ Law Association (“THLA”) as of the date the deadline to submit application materials.<sup>1</sup>
2. Be enrolled at an ABA-accredited or California-accredited law school.
3. Demonstrate significant ties to the San Diego legal community. This includes any law student who (a) is enrolled at a qualifying law school in San Diego County; (b) is a current or past resident of San Diego County; or (c) intends to work in San Diego after graduating from law school.
4. Submit a complete application on or before the deadline listed in the [Program Information](#) section.
5. Make best efforts to attend a recognition event if selected as a scholarship recipient, which usually takes place during THLA’s Annual Awards Dinner (currently scheduled for June 13, 2024).

## SELECTION CRITERIA

The Foundation awards scholarships based the following criteria:

1. Current and past leadership experience or general involvement in LGBTQ+ organizations or the LGBTQ+ community, including efforts to promote diversity in the legal profession, legal organizations, or other communities or organizations.
  2. Current and past leadership experience in, or general involvement with, other organizations (preferably legal in nature).
  3. Academic achievement in law school.
  4. Financial need.
  5. Applicant’s personal statement and responses to all prompts in this application.
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<sup>1</sup> Students can become members on [THLA’s website](#). Please contact [info@thla.org](mailto:info@thla.org), or the [THLA Co-Presidents](#), with questions about membership status.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last Suffix*

Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

INTERNAL USE

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

*Providing demographic information is optional.*

Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Not Disclose

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ Not Disclose

Native American: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_ Not Disclose

Sexual Orientation: \_\_\_\_\_ Not Disclose

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Not Disclose

Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_ Not Disclose

Disability: \_\_\_\_\_ Not Disclose

System-Impacted? <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Not Disclose

Other Identities: \_\_\_\_\_ Not Disclose

<sup>3</sup> Includes someone who has been incarcerated, or arrested and/or convicted without incarceration, as well as individuals who have experienced a negative legal, economic, or familial impact due to the incarceration of a close relative.

SECTION NOTES

*End date is the anticipated graduation date.  
Provide GPA and class rank information only if known.*

LAW SCHOOL EDUCATION

Degree-Granting Institution

**Institution:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Start Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month Year*

**End Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month Year*

**Program:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA Scale:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Status:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class Rank (#):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class Rank (%):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

**First Gen:**   Not Disclose

Did you attend more than one law school to complete your legal degree? *(Exclude study abroad or exchange program institutions unless you completed a significant portion of your degree requirements at those institutions.)*

\_\_\_\_\_

SECTION NOTES

*Complete this section only if you attended more than one law school to complete your program.  
Provide GPA and class rank information only if known.*

LAW SCHOOL EDUCATION 2

**Institution:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Start Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month Year*

**End Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month Year*

**Program:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Status:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA Scale:** \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION NOTES

*Degree is the general name of the degree (e.g., “Bachelor of Science”).  
Provide class rank information only if known.*

UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTION

Degree-Granting Institution

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month Year*

End Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month Year*

Degree(s): \_\_\_\_\_  Honors

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

GPA Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank (#): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank (%): \_\_\_\_\_

Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Class Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate(s): \_\_\_\_\_

First Gen:   Not Disclose

Did you attend more than one institution to complete your undergraduate degree? *(Exclude study abroad or exchange programs unless you completed a significant portion of your degree requirements at those institutions.)*

SECTION NOTES

*Complete this section only if you attended more than one institution to complete your undergraduate program.  
Provide class rank information only if known.*

UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTION 2

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month Year*

End Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month Year*

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

GPA Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

SECTION NOTES

Please provide the following information for other graduate degrees.  
 If you have more than two graduate degrees, provide information for two of your choosing. Do not include a graduate degree if you have another, more advanced degree that subsumes it.

OTHER GRADUATE INSTITUTION 1

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month Year*

End Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month Year*

Degree(s): \_\_\_\_\_  Honors  
 \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
 GPA Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Focus Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank (#): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Class Rank (%): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Class Size: \_\_\_\_\_

First Gen:   Not Disclose

Thesis /  
 Dissertation

SECTION NOTES

Degree is the general name of the degree (e.g., "Master of Fine Arts").  
 Focus Area is any concentration in the field of study.  
 Provide class rank information only if known.

OTHER GRADUATE INSTITUTION 2

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month Year*

End Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month Year*

Degree(s): \_\_\_\_\_  Honors  
 \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
 GPA Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Focus Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank (#): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Class Rank (%): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Class Size: \_\_\_\_\_

First Gen:   Not Disclose

Thesis /  
 Dissertation

CURRENT DEBT

SECTION NOTES

Please provide informed estimates of the **remaining** debt you have for the following categories.

**PRE-LAW EDUCATIONAL DEBT**

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Undergraduate ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Other Graduate Degrees ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have other **pre-law school education debt** not otherwise accounted for in the above?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**NON-EDUCATION DEBT**

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Do you have any **significant, non-educational debt** that you believe may be relevant to evaluating financial need?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**LAW SCHOOL DEBT**

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Current Law School Debt ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Projected Debt Upon Graduation ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Do you anticipate personally incurring non-reimbursed expenses associated with taking a bar exam?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

LAW SCHOOL COST ALLOCATION

SECTION NOTES

To better understand how you are paying for your legal education, please make an informed estimate of either the **percentage** or the approximate **dollar value** of total law school education costs covered by each category below. You do not need to use percentage or dollar value consistently for all categories; you may switch between the two systems.

A **percentage** should reflect the approximated average for the category from the start of law school through the present. Percentages do not need to total exactly 100% so long as their total is close to 100%.

A **dollar value** should reflect an informed estimate of the cumulative total dollars the category has covered from the start of law school through the present.

Category	Notes	\$	%
<b>Personal Savings</b>	<i>Includes funds saved prior to law school (whether intended for legal education or something else), use of other assets to help fund legal education (e.g., sale of stock or property), etc.</i>		
<b>Spouse / Parents / Family</b>	<i>Includes amounts provided by close family members to help defray costs of legal education (e.g., covering housing costs, subsidizing textbooks, monthly stipend for groceries) and any portion of spousal / family income that goes to help fund legal education expense.</i>  <i>Excludes reallocating spousal or family income to cover ordinary household expenses that would have otherwise been covered in any part by income you might have given up to attend law school).</i>		
<b>Employment During Law School</b>	<i>Includes any legal or non-legal job for which you received monetary compensation.</i>  <i>Excludes work study funds, credit hours received for your work, or any unpaid positions.</i>		
<b>Work Study</b>			
<b>Scholarships / Grants</b>			
<b>Federal Financial Aid</b>	<i>Includes any type of Federal financial aid, regardless of whether the aid was a loan, grant, etc.</i>  <i>Excludes work study program funds.</i>		
<b>Education-Related Loans (Non-Federal)</b>	<i>Includes any private, non-Federal loans you may have taken that are specifically conditioned upon or associated with an educational purpose.</i>		
<b>Personal Loans</b>	<i>Includes any private, non-Federal loans you may have taken that are general in nature and not specifically conditioned upon or associated with an educational purpose.</i>		
<b>Credit Cards</b>			
<b>Other</b>	<i>Any other category or categories not listed above that cover a material portion of legal education costs. Itemize "Other" categories below.</i>		
	1.		
	2.		
	3.		



**Significant Allocation Changes**

If any category in the above cost allocation table has seen a significant shift (up or down) in the expenses that it covers since the start of law school through the present that would not be evident in the percentage or dollar value listed above, you may elect to provide additional details here, including:

1. Category impacted;
2. Cause of the shift;
3. Approximate percentage or dollar value for the category prior to the shift and where that percentage or value is now (if not accurately reflected in the applicable prompt above).

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**Are you married or in a registered domestic partnership (or legal equivalent)?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Household Annual Net Income:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you eligible to receive Federal financial aid (even if you did not take any or did not take the full amount)?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you eligible to receive work study money (even if you did not take any or did not take the full amount)?** \_\_\_\_\_

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LAW SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT

SECTION NOTES

Please provide information about any employment during law school.

**Employment** includes non-law-related jobs, work without compensation, substantive learning experiences (e.g., internships and professor research assistants).

**Employer** is the person or entity for whom you worked or had your substantive learning experience.

**Compensation Type** should reflect what you received in return for the work, which could include direct monetary compensation, work study funds, academic credit hours, or nothing at all.

SECTION NOTES

Check the **Offer** box for a particular employer if either:

- The employer has already extended an offer of employment effective after you take the bar exam (regardless of any contingencies associated with bar passage).
- You reasonably expect that the employer will extend an offer of employment effective after you take the bar exam (regardless of any contingencies associated with bar passage).

No.	Employer	Job Title / Role	Start		End		Hours / Week	Compensation Type	Offer
			Month	Year	Month	Year			
1								<input type="checkbox"/>	
2								<input type="checkbox"/>	
3								<input type="checkbox"/>	
4								<input type="checkbox"/>	
5								<input type="checkbox"/>	
6								<input type="checkbox"/>	
7								<input type="checkbox"/>	
8								<input type="checkbox"/>	
9								<input type="checkbox"/>	
10								<input type="checkbox"/>	

## SCHOLARSHIPS &amp; FINANCIAL AID AWARDS

## SECTION NOTES

On the following page, please provide information about your financial aid and scholarships. These Section Notes provide detail on what to include and how to enter any loans, scholarships, etc., you may have.

Separate Entries

Separate different loans and scholarships into separate line items. However, for **Federal Loans**, aggregate all loans into one line item. For **private loans**, aggregate all loans from the same financial institution into one line item. For **scholarships** that are renewable for future years, please use one line item and do not separate into separate entries based on renewal year.

Granting Institution

Use "Federal Government" or "State of California" for any awards provided by those entities or a subdivision thereof, including for any loans or grants from those entities. Use your law school's name for any scholarships, awards, prizes, etc., granted under the law school's name. Otherwise, use the entity's name that provided the loan or scholarship award (e.g., "CitiBank" or "Tom Homann LGBTQ+ Law Foundation").

Award Name

Examples include "Federal Subsidized Stafford Loans," "Law School Academic Scholarship," "CitiBank Personal Loan," "Tom Homann LGBTQ+ Law Foundation Scholarship," etc.

<sup>4</sup> Illustration: **One-Time:** A scholarship covering 50% of first-year tuition. **Renewable – Contingent:** A scholarship covering 50% tuition for all three years if you maintain a certain GPA. **Renewable – Noncontingent:** A scholarship covering 50% tuition for all three years.

## SECTION NOTES

Amount

For one-time loans or awards, please provide the amount received for that loan or award. For Federal loans, please provide the cumulative amount to date. For renewable scholarships and awards, please provide the cumulative amount that has been or will be awarded through the end of the current academic year).

Type

**One-time:** An award you receive for a single academic year (even if you can reapply for the award again).

**Renewable:** An award that you will receive over the course of several academic years, which may be contingent upon meeting certain criteria.<sup>4</sup>

For Renewable & Contingent Awards

Leave the **Renewable** and **Contingency** columns blank if the entry is for a loan or a one-time award.

**Times:** Indicate the total number of years you can seek to renew the award and not how many years remain to renew. Disregard any contingencies for the total number of years.<sup>5</sup>

**Amount:** Indicate the amount of the award for each renewable, especially if the amount changes for subsequent renewals.

**Contingent:** If the award is contingent, check the box and provide any details about the contingency.

<sup>5</sup> Example: A 2L who received a 50% tuition scholarship for all three years of law school. The award can be renewed for two years because it is renewable twice after the initial installment (even if the 2L already renewed it as a 2L).



**SECTION NOTES**

*Below are the narrative prompts for this application; some require responses and others are elective.*

*You may submit a response either by (a) entering the text into this form (rich text formatting available); or (b) attaching the response to the end of this form. If you elect to attach a response, please attach it in .pdf form and provide a separate, editable version (e.g., Microsoft Word).*

*Indicate how you intend to submit each response in the **Submission Form** column.*

**NARRATIVES**

No.	Required	Prompt	Submission Form
<u>1</u>	Required	Please describe your current and past leadership experience or general involvement in LGBTQ+ organizations or in the LGBTQ+ community. This includes other efforts to promote diversity generally in the legal or other communities. Your experience can be volunteer or paid, legal or non-legal. Please include a short description of your responsibilities and accomplishments, and how you may use you law degree to advance the interests of the LGBTQ+ community and/or diversity generally.	
<u>2</u>	Required	Please describe your current and past leadership experience or general involvement with other organizations, preferably diverse and/or legal in nature. Your experience can be volunteer or paid, legal or non-legal. Please include a short description of your responsibilities and accomplishments.	
<u>3</u>	Required	Please share any additional information about yourself that you would like the Foundation to know when considering your application. You may include things such as merit, hardship, challenges, life experience, hobbies or interests, any THLA or Foundation events that you have attended, how you plan to use your law degree, how you would use the scholarship funds if the Foundation selects you as a recipient, etc.	
<u>4</u>	Optional	Describe any circumstances that negatively affected your academic record in law school.	
<u>5</u>	Optional	Describe any disability that has impacted your life, especially if it might bear on the interpretation of your application.	
<u>6</u>	Optional	Describe any financial circumstances that you think are relevant in evaluating financial need (e.g., if you worked to pay for most or all undergraduate costs, if you will not rely on family or spouse, if you are not eligible to receive certain types of financial aid, etc.).	
<u>7</u>	Optional	Describe any other circumstances that have impacted your life or may bear on the review of your application (e.g., military service, immigration status, direct or indirect system-impacted affects, native language other than English, other identities with which you identify, etc.).	

**1. LGBTQ+ Leadership and Experience**

**Required**

Please describe your current and past leadership experience or general involvement in LGBTQ+ organizations or in the LGBTQ+ community. This includes other efforts to promote diversity generally in the legal or other communities. Your experience can be volunteer or paid, legal or non-legal. Please include a short description of your responsibilities and accomplishments, and how you may use your law degree to advance the interests of the LGBTQ+ community and/or diversity generally.

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2. Other Leadership and Experience

**Required**

Please describe your current and past leadership experience or general involvement with other organizations, preferably diverse and/or legal in nature. Your experience can be volunteer or paid, legal or non-legal. Please include a short description of your responsibilities and accomplishments.

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**3. Personal Statement**

**Required**

Please share any additional information about yourself that you would like the Foundation to know when considering your application. You may include things such as merit, hardship, challenges, life experience, hobbies or interests, any THLA or Foundation events that you have attended, how you plan to use your law degree, how you would use the scholarship funds if the Foundation selects you as a recipient, etc.

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4. Adverse Academic Impact Circumstances

Optional

Describe any circumstances that negatively affected your academic record in law school.

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5. Disability Impact Details

Optional

Describe any disability that has impacted your life, especially if it might bear on the interpretation of your application.

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6. Financial Statement

Optional

Describe any financial circumstances that you think are relevant in evaluating financial need (*e.g.*, if you worked to pay for most or all undergraduate costs, if you will not rely on family or spouse, if you are not eligible to receive certain types of financial aid, etc.).

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7. **Other Life Circumstances**

**Optional**

Describe any other circumstances that have impacted your life or may bear on the review of your application (e.g., military service, immigration status, direct or indirect system-impacted affects, native language other than English, other identities with which you identify, etc.).

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SECTION NOTES

*Below are the documentation categories to submit with your application; some documentation categories are required and others are elective.*

*Please indicate whether you are submitting documents for a particular category in the **Submitting** column.*

DOCUMENTS

No.	Required	Prompt	Submitting
A	Required	Résumé	
B	Required	Law School Transcript	
C	Required	Evidence of Financial Need	
D	Optional	List of honors, recognitions, and awards received during law school, undergraduate, and any other educational or graduate studies	
E	Optional	Letters of Recommendation.	

**SECTION NOTES**

*Prior to signing the below Certification, please ensure that you have appended all attachments (requested documentation, narrative responses, etc.) to this application.*

*Review, sign, and date the Certification below before submitting your completed application. You may simply type your name on the signature line or insert an imaged signature onto the signature line.*

*Click the **Submit Application** button to submit the application. (If security systems on your computer prevent automatic sending, please email the application directly.)*

*Please follow-up with the Foundation at [thlafoundation@gmail.com](mailto:thlafoundation@gmail.com) if you do not receive a confirmation email within 2–3 business days.*

**CERTIFICATION**

By signing below, I **agree and acknowledge** that:

1. The information in this application is true, complete, and accurate;
2. I may be disqualified from consideration, or may be required to return any scholarship award, if the Foundation determines, in its sole discretion, that:
  - a. Information in this application is false, misleading, or inaccurate;
  - b. This application is incomplete or untimely; or
  - c. I do not meet the eligibility criteria;
3. I will provide additional information if requested by the Foundation;
4. This application is the property of the Foundation and will not be returned to me;
5. The Foundation, or its designee, shall have exclusive authority to select scholarship recipients, if any, and set scholarship amounts per recipient;
6. All decisions are final, subject to the Foundation's sole authority to revoke, rescind, or modify any scholarship decision (including scholarship recipients or amounts).

I **further agree and acknowledge** that the Foundation can use my name, image, likeness, and/or background information for purposes of marketing, promoting, and increasing awareness of THLA and the Foundation.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_