



# UTAH MINORITY BAR ASSOCIATION

## PROMOTING DIVERSITY IN THE LAW

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## 2009 SCHOLARSHIP - GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

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### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Utah Minority Bar Association Scholarship Program is to assist law students from the S.J. Quinney College of Law and the J. Reuben Clark Law School who have a demonstrated record of service to racial and ethnic minority communities in completing their legal education. The following scholarships are available on a competitive basis:

1. An **UMBA Academic Scholarship** (in an amount of at least \$1,500) is available each year on a competitive, academic basis to a Second or Third Year Law Student from each Utah law school.\*
2. An **UMBA Community Service Scholarship** (in an amount of at least \$750) is available each year on a competitive basis to a First, Second, or Third Year Law Student from each Utah law school to recognize law students who have demonstrated great service to a minority community (theirs or others) or who have developed and/or shared aspects of a minority culture (e.g., through song, dance, language, other traditions) to preserve such traditions as service or for educational purposes.\*

*\* Note: These scholarships may be eligible for matching scholarship grants or partial tuition waivers pending UMBA's and the law schools' commitment to this pending proposal.*

### ELIGIBILITY

Each applicant must be eligible to be classified as a First, Second or Third Year Law Student and enrolled full-time. To be classified as full-time, applicants must carry a minimum of 12 units per semester. Each applicant must also be a member of the school's minority law student organization. Each applicant must be eligible to practice law within the United States.

### APPLICATION PERIOD AND DEADLINE:

Applications must be delivered by Thursday, **OCTOBER 1, 2009** by 5:00 p.m. either by hand-delivery or email. Hand-delivered items must be delivered to GRACE ACOSTA, c/o DUNN & DUNN, PC, 505 East 200 South, Suite 200, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102. Email applications must be sent to [gacosta@dunndunn.com](mailto:gacosta@dunndunn.com). If MAILED, all mailing must be postmarked by **Thursday, OCTOBER 1, 2009**

### SELECTION CRITERIA

Scholars are selected by a review committee appointed by UMBA and evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Academic Achievement (for \$1,500 scholarships only)
2. Personal Qualities and Strengths
3. Letters of Recommendation
4. Demonstrated record of service to racial and ethnic communities
5. Future potential to positively impact and represent Utah's racial and ethnic communities in the candidate's field of practice

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

\*\*\*IT IS THE APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ARE SUBMITTED IN ONE PACKAGE\*\*\*

1. Application Form
2. Resume
3. Personal Statement
4. Transcripts
5. Letter of Recommendation

## ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. Personal Statement:

Please enclose with this application a one- to two-page typed personal statement which addresses the following:

- 1) Ethnic/racial/cultural parentage and/or family background (*Note*: Minority ethnicity is not a prerequisite for selection);
- 2) Demonstrated record of service to racial and ethnic communities;
- 3) Current higher education status;
- 4) Career goals, and;
- 5) How you plan to help UMBA in assisting others like yourself in the future.

Please include any additional comments you believe relevant to your application. This personal statement is one of the two most important selection criteria and is the equivalent of an interview. Accordingly, it is to be addressed solely to the UMBA Scholarship Selection Committee. Substitute statements intended for other scholarship programs will not be considered.

### 2. Transcripts:

An official transcript from undergraduate and law school must accompany this application. If you are a first year law student, a law school transcript or other form of proof is necessary to verify full-time enrollment status.

### 3. Letter of Recommendation:

One letter of recommendation is required, preferably from a school official who can discuss your academic and personal achievements as well as your potential for future success. Please have that person comment on your present enrollment, academic status, and ranking among peers. It would also be helpful if the letter addressed qualities such as maturity, motivation, self-confidence, leadership, character, and commitment. The letter should be sent with the application. Please do not send copies of letters sent to other admission and selection committees as substitutes. The reference writer should directly address the UMBA Scholarship Committee.

## PREVIOUS APPLICANTS:

Applications are reviewed each year by different reviewers. Therefore all previous applicants must update all of the information requested in this application.

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\*\*Submit only ONE application. You will be considered for all scholarships for which you may be eligible. Successful candidates will be notified of their application status after **October 10, 2009**. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the **Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet** on October 23, 2009. For questions, contact Grace Acosta, (801) 521-6677 or email ([gacosta@dunndunn.com](mailto:gacosta@dunndunn.com)).



Permanent Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

11. Source from which you received this application \_\_\_\_\_

**12. CERTIFICATION**

All information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I hereby give UMBA permission to use this information for purposes of the UMBA Scholarship. I further certify that I am enrolled as a full-time student eligible for the UMBA Scholarship for the 2009-2010 academic year. Should I receive a UMBA Scholarship, I represent that I will use it only toward expenses related to my college or professional school attendance. I acknowledge that after receiving the UMBA Scholarship, I am subject to audit to confirm that the funds were used as certified herein. Should I not use the funds consistent with this application, I understand that I shall be responsible to repay those funds to UMBA. I also understand that I must notify UMBA of any changes in my enrollment status. I understand that changes in full-time status may result in the cancellation of any awards provided.

I hereby acknowledge that it is my responsibility to keep UMBA informed of any address changes. Furthermore, I am aware that any scholarship check I may receive from UMBA must be cashed or deposited within 90 days. Any funds not cashed or deposited within that time frame will revert to UMBA.

I also acknowledge that it is my responsibility to submit a complete application package to UMBA and comply with all deadlines. Incomplete or late application materials may result in ineligibility.

In addition, I understand that should I receive an award, there is no guarantee of renewal. I must reapply and be re-evaluated for an award each year.

I hereby certify that I have read the application information and instructions and that I understand and accept all conditions specified.

Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted. Failure to sign this certification may result in ineligibility. All application materials become the property of UMBA.

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Applicant's Signature

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Date

**Submit Applications to:**

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