



## **MABA High School Scholarship: 2024 Award: Information, Deadlines, and Frequently Asked Questions**

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### **Program Overview:**

In 2015, the Mexican American Bar Association of Los Angeles County (“MABA”), lead by MABA Attorney Erick Solares launched its High School Scholarship Program (HSSP) for Latino/a high school seniors attending schools that participate in MABA’s Student Outreach Program. The scholarship seeks to assist students with college-related expenses.

In awarding each scholarship, MABA considers each applicant’s financial need, community service, leadership experience, and any hardship experienced in pursuing an education. Because MABA is firmly committed to community empowerment, all students, including undocumented students, are eligible to apply. MABA will award at least three students with a \$2,500 scholarship.

### **No. of Students Selected:**

At minimum, three students will be selected. However, the awarding of additional scholarships is entirely discretionary.

### **Funding:**

At least four, \$2,500 scholarships.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

To qualify for the 2024 MABA High School Scholarship, each applicant must meet *all* of the following requirements:

- (1) Demonstrated plan to enroll a full-time, accredited, not-for-profit two-year community college or four-year college or university for the Fall 2024 term.
- (2) Submit *all* of the required application materials, in the manner and form designated, no later than 5 PM on Friday, May 3, 2024.
- (3) Provide an up-to-date high school transcript. If applicable, a student may submit additional transcripts if he/she/they has/have taken college-level courses for credit.
- (4) If selected for an interview, the student must be available to interview by phone or video (e.g. Zoom) with the MABA High School Scholarship Committee.
- (5) A student must be in good academic standing. Good academic standing means that a student is in a position, as reflected by his/her grades, to graduate on-time.

## SELECTION PROCESS: IMPORTANT HSSP DATES AND DEADLINES

- March 4, 2024:** First date completed applications are accepted.
- May 3, 2024:** Deadline to submit completed application and materials. Applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 3, 2024, to be considered. *Incomplete applications and applications not submitted in the requested format will not be accepted.*
- Early to mid-May 2024 :** If applicable, the Selection Committee will interview select applicants.
- June 2024:** MABA announces and recognizes the student(s) selected to receive its High School Scholarship.
- June 2024:** Awards Ceremony

### PROGRAM AND SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- To be eligible, applicants must attend one of the following high schools\*\*:

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| (1) Benjamin Franklin High School        | (17) Venice High School          |
| (2) Fremont High School                  | (18) Santa Monica High School    |
| (3) Garfield High School                 | (19) Norwalk High School         |
| (4) J.H. Francis Polytechnic High School | (20) Lynwood High School         |
| (5) Jefferson High School                | (21) Lincoln High School         |
| (6) Roosevelt High School                | (22) Long Beach Poly High School |
| (7) Manual Arts High School              | (23) Rancho Dominguez Prep       |
| (8) Marshall High School                 |                                  |
| (9) Hamilton High School                 |                                  |
| (10) Hollywood High School               |                                  |
| (11) Huntington Park High School         |                                  |
| (12) San Fernando High School            |                                  |
| (13) Sylmar High School                  |                                  |
| (14) South Gate High School              |                                  |
| (15) University High School              |                                  |
| (16) Wilson High School                  |                                  |

***\*\*Any application received from a school NOT on the list will be disqualified and not reviewed.***

### QUESTIONS

Please direct any questions to the MABA Administrator, at admin@mabaattorneys.com

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **When are applications accepted?**

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, beginning March 4, 2024. Students are encouraged to submit their applications before the May 3, 2024, 5 p.m. deadline. Applications submitted after the designated date and time, as well as incomplete applications, will not be considered. Applications must also be submitted in the requested format. All applications will be evaluated after the May 3, 2024, deadline.

### **What if I attend a school not listed as eligible?**

Only students attending the schools and programs named on page two of this application are eligible for the 2024 MABA High School Scholarship.

### **Is it required that I interview by phone or video to qualify for the scholarship?**

**It depends.** Each year, the committee decides whether it is necessary to conduct interviews. If you are selected for an interview, the committee may conduct the interview either by phone or via video (e.g. Zoom).

### **Do I need to submit an official transcript?**

**No.** It is not necessary to submit an official transcript(s). It is sufficient to submit a print out of your unofficial transcript(s).

### **Is there a certain GPA cut-off to qualify for the scholarship?**

**No.** For scholarship eligibility purposes, a student must be in good academic standing. Good academic standing means that a student is in a position, as reflected by his/her/their grades, to graduate on-time.

### **Should I submit transcripts for college courses taken at local community colleges or at other university programs?**

**It is encouraged.** Students are encouraged to submit additional transcripts to demonstrate the full-range of their academic course work. While your high school transcript is required, any additional transcripts from college course-work is not required, but highly encouraged for submission.

### **Do I have to be a Legal Permanent Resident or U.S. Citizen to qualify for the scholarship?**

**No.** Citizenship status is not an eligibility requirement to qualify for the HSSP. Students, regardless of citizenship status, are encouraged to apply.

### **How are scholarship funds disbursed?**

Scholarship funds are disbursed by check, directly to the scholarship recipient.



## **MABA High School Scholarship: 2024 Award Information: *Application Instructions***

Thank you for your interest in the Mexican American Bar Association's 2024 High School Scholarship Program. Please read these directions carefully, as only applications that comply with the following guidelines will be considered:

- Sections One through Four must be typewritten. Handwritten materials will not be considered.
- All pages of the Student Statement must include a header with the applicant's name. If you exceed one page, the statement should include page numbers.
- **Application materials must be submitted in a single PDF file.** The order of the materials should be as follows: Sections One through Four; Student Statement; Statement of Financial Need; Student Certification; Transcript(s). The PDF should be named "Applicant First Name Applicant Last Name: MABA 2024 HSSP Application (e.g. Maria Gomez MABA 2024 HSSP Application). Please **do not** include the instruction pages with your application.
- The subject line of the emailed application should read: First Name, Last Name, MABA HSSP 2024 Application (e.g. Maria Gomez, MABA HSSP 2024 Application).
- **All applications must be submitted to [admin@mabaattorneys.com](mailto:admin@mabaattorneys.com) no later than 5.p.m. on Friday, May 3, 2024, to be considered.**
- Questions about the program or the application should be directed to MABA Administrator Odalis Flores via email at: [admin@mabaattorneys.com](mailto:admin@mabaattorneys.com)

**Application Checklist (You do not need to include this page with your application materials. This checklist is for your own reference):**

- Application Sections One through Four (*required*)**
- Transcript(s) (*required*)**
- Signed Certification (*required*)**
- Student Statement (*required*)**
- Statement of Financial Need (*required*)**
- Resume (*optional*)**

***Section One: Student Information***



**Section Three: College Applications Status**

Please list each college to which you have applied. For each school listed, please indicate whether you have been accepted, waitlisted, or denied admittance. If you do not know your admission status, please only list the month/year that you applied to the institution.

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**Section Four: Additional Information**

You may refer to your resume if it addresses the items below. You may also submit a separate document if your responses do not fit in the spaces provided. **Responses should be provided in chronological order.**

**Honors or Awards received (in or outside an academic setting):**

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**Extracurricular activities:** Please include the name of the activity/organization, any applicable positions, and dates of participation.

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**Community Service:** Please include the name of the activity/organization, any applicable positions, and dates of participation.

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**Additional Application Materials**

1. **Resume (optional)**
2. **Transcript(s).** Both official and non-official transcripts are accepted. *Transcripts are reviewed for the purpose of ensuring a student is in good academic standing. Good academic standing means that a student is in a position, as reflected by his/her/their grades, to graduate on-time.*
3. **Student Statement.** In 300 words or less, please explain why you should be awarded a 2024 MABA High School Scholarship. You may include information regarding your background, reasons for pursuing further education, challenges you have faced in life, financial need, career goals, and any special circumstances or additional information you would like the MABA High School Scholarship Committee to consider. The word limit will be strictly enforced. *The student statement should include your name at the top, be double-spaced, and be typed in Times New Roman font, size 12.*
4. **Statement of Financial Need.** In 300 words or less, please explain your current sources or expected sources of income to pay for college in the Fall of 2024. Also, please explain how you plan to finance your college education. Be sure to include the following information in your Statement: (1) if you work, how many hours per week you work and how much money you earn, and (2) the occupations and annual income of your parent(s) and/or guardian(s). The word limit will be strictly enforced. *The statement of financial need should include your name at the top, be double-spaced, and be typed in Times New Roman font, size 12.*

**SIGNED CERTIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that the information provided in my MABA 2024 High School Scholarship materials is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I certify that I have included in a single PDF the following application materials:

- Application Sections One through Four (required)
- Transcript(s) (required)
- Signed Certification (required)
- Student Statement, with word count of \_\_\_\_\_ words (required)
- Statement of Financial Need, with word count of \_\_\_\_\_ words (required)
- Resume (optional)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (please type or print)

Student Signature\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Electronic Signature acceptable*

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**DISCLOSURES**

In the event that a private donor would like to review my application for possible donations, I authorize MABA to share my application materials with the private donor. [Please note: if you are a minor, parent/guardian authorization is required.]

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (please type or print)

Student/Parent/Guardian Signature\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SOCIAL MEDIA**

If I am awarded a scholarship, I authorize MABA to recognize my accomplishment via social media forums, i.e. Facebook, twitter, Instagram, etc. [Please note: if you are a minor, parent/guardian authorization is required.]

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (please type or print)

Student/Parent/Guardian Signature\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_