

ORANGE COUNTY ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

2016 OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Purpose

The Orange County Asian American Bar Association (“OCAABA”) is pleased to announce that it will once again offer its Outstanding Student Award to recognize local law students who have made significant contributions to OCAABA and the local Orange County legal and general community. The \$500 award will be announced in late-March/early-April 2016 and awarded at OCAABA’s Installation and Awards Gala on April 26, 2016.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

The OCAABA Outstanding Student Award is open to all current U.S. law students who are OCAABA members.

The key selection criteria include:

- Significant, demonstrated contributions to OCAABA;
- Demonstrated contributions to the Orange County Asian Pacific American community and/or general community;
- Demonstrated contributions to the Orange County legal community; and
- Availability to attend OCAABA’s Installation and Awards Gala on April 26, 2016.

Other factors the Selection Committee may consider include demonstrated excellence and achievement in law school (including academic and extracurricular), financial need, and overcoming any personal hardships or challenges.

Application Requirements

Please submit the following materials by email to contactus@ocaaba.org by no later than **5:00 p.m. PT on February 29, 2016**:

1. Completed application form (see attached);
2. Resume (no longer than one page);
3. Personal statement (no longer than 750 words, typed, double-spaced; see application form for further information);
4. Current law school transcript; and
5. One to two letters of recommendation (optional).

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2016 OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD APPLICATION FORM**

All responses must fit within the space provided.

Name (Last, First, MI): _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____ Phone number: _____

Are you available to attend OCAABA's Installation & Awards Gala on April 26, 2016? (Y/N) _____

Law school: _____

Current law school year/student status: _____

Expected graduation date: _____ GPA (your GPA/scale): _____

Awards or honors received in law school: _____

Identify your extracurricular activities in law school (activity/organization, role/involvement, and dates):

Identify your contributions to OCAABA (activity/event, role/involvement, and dates):

Identify your contributions to the Orange County Asian Pacific American community and/or general community (activity/organization, role/involvement, and dates):

Identify your contributions to the Orange County legal community (activity/organization, role/involvement, and dates):

What are your career goals (private/public/government sector, practice area)?

Personal Statement: Please provide a personal statement that is no longer than 750 words, typed, and double-spaced, and that addresses how you meet the selection criteria. Other topics you may wish to address include: (1) your academic plans and career goals; (2) what motivated you to go to law school; (3) compelling issues facing the Asian Pacific American community that you wish to address through your practice; (4) how your legal education will enable you to contribute/give back to the Asian Pacific American community; and (5) any financial need and/or personal hardships or challenges you have overcome.

CERTIFICATION: By submitting this application, I certify that the information provided in my application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that OCAABA may require me to provide documentation to corroborate the above information in order to be considered for this scholarship process. I further understand that any discrepancy in my information may result in disqualification from this scholarship process and/or rescission of any scholarship awarded.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____