



MABA’s 2023 High School Scholarship ***Information, Deadlines, and Frequently Asked*** ***Questions***

Program Overview:

In 2015, the Mexican American Bar Association of Los Angeles County (“MABA”), led 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 their college-related expenses.

In awarding the scholarship, MABA considers each applicant’s financial need, community service, leadership experience, and any hardship experienced by the applicant with regard to their educational pursuits. Because MABA is firmly committed to community empowerment, all students, including undocumented students, are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

of Students Selected:

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

Funding:

\$2,500 scholarships

Eligibility Criteria:

To qualify for the 2023 MABA High School Scholarship, each applicant must meet ***all*** of the following requirements:

- (1) Demonstrated plan to enroll in a full-time, accredited, not-for-profit two-year community college or four-year college or university for the Fall 2023 term.
- (2) Submit ***all*** of the required application materials, in the manner and form designated herein, no later than 5 PM on Friday, May 12, 2023.
- (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 to interview, the student must be available to interview by phone or video (e.g. Zoom) with the MABA High School Scholarship Committee.

SELECTION PROCESS: IMPORTANT HSSP DATES AND DEADLINES

March 3, 2023:	First date completed applications are accepted.
May 12, 2023:	Deadline to submit completed application and materials. Applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 12, 2023, to be considered. <i>Incomplete applications and applications not submitted in the requested format will not be accepted.</i>
Mid to late-May 2023 :	If applicable, the Selection Committee will interview select applicants.
June 2023:	MABA announces and recognizes the student(s) selected to receive its High School Scholarship.
June 2023:	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 | |
| (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.**

- Demonstrated plan to enroll a full-time, accredited, not-for-profit two-year community college or four-year college or university for the Fall 2023 term.
- 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.

QUESTIONS

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When are applications accepted?

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, beginning March 3, 2023. Students are encouraged to submit their applications before the May 12, 2023, 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 12, 2023, 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 2023 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 to 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 printout 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 coursework 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: 2023 Award Information: *Application Instructions*

Thank you for your interest in the Mexican American Bar Association's 2023 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; and, Transcript(s). The PDF should be named "Applicant First Name Applicant Last Name: MABA 2023 HSSP Application (e.g. Jane Roe MABA 2023 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 2022 Application (e.g. Jane Roe MABA HSSP 2023 Application).
- **All applications must be submitted to admin@mabaattorneys.com no later than 5.p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2023, to be considered.**
- Questions about the program or the application should be directed to MABA Administrator Clara Camacho via email at: 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 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):

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

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

Additional Application Materials

1. **Resume (optional)**
2. **Transcript(s).** Both official and unofficial 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 2023 MABA High School Scholarship. You may include information regarding your background, reasons for pursuing higher 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 2023. 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 do 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 2023 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*

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: _____

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: _____