

**ORANGE COUNTY ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
FIRST ANNUAL HON. ARTHUR NAKAZATO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Purpose

The Orange County Asian American Bar Association (“OCAABA”) is pleased to announce a new scholarship in honor of OCAABA’s Founding President, Hon. Arthur Nakazato (ret.), who passed away in December 2017. This scholarship recognizes outstanding law students who have the potential to be future leaders in the legal profession in the Orange County community. OCAABA is offering this scholarship in part with funds from the Orange County Japanese American Lawyers Association (“OCJALA”), of which Judge Nakazato was a founding Director and past President. (OCJALA was subsumed by the creation of OCAABA.) The scholarship winner will be announced in early May 2018 with presentation of the award at OCAABA’s Installation & Awards Gala on May 17, 2018.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

The OCAABA Hon. Arthur Nakazato Memorial Scholarship is open to all current U.S. law students who intend to practice law in Orange County after graduation.

The key selection criteria include:

- Intent to practice in the legal profession in Orange County, California;
- Demonstrated leadership in the Asian Pacific American community and/or in general;
- Demonstrated service commitment to the Asian Pacific American community and/or in general;
- Potential for leadership in the legal profession; and
- Demonstrated excellence and achievement in law school, including academic and extracurricular.

Other factors the Selection Committee may consider include financial need, overcoming any personal hardships or challenges, and availability to attend OCAABA’s Installation & Awards Gala on May 17, 2018.

Application Requirements

Please submit the following materials by email to contactus@ocaaba.org by no later than **5:00 p.m. PT on April 30, 2018:**

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 or two letters of recommendation.

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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 May 17, 2018? (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 leadership activities in the Asian Pacific American community and/or in general (activity/organization, leadership role, and dates):

Identify your service commitment to the Asian Pacific American community and/or in general (activity/organization, role/involvement, and dates):

Do you intend to practice in the legal profession in Orange County, California? (Y/N) _____

Describe your connections to or interest in practicing in Orange County, California:

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: _____