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VICTORIA CRUZ-GARCIA LAW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP 2025-2026 APPLICATION

The Tampa Hispanic Bar Association (THBA) seeks to promote the exchange of information and ideas related to the practice of law in order to enhance its members' knowledge and skills. THBA also strives to provide resources and enhanced opportunities for the education of future attorneys of Hispanic origin or descent while promoting the improvement of Florida's legal system. These efforts ultimately promote the organization's important goals of improving the administration of justice and increasing the quantity and quality of the legal services rendered to members of the Hispanic community. As such, the THBA will award two (2) law students a \$2,000 scholarship with the expectation that they will further the goals of our organization throughout their legal career. The following are the eligibility requirements for the THBA Victoria Cruz-Garcia Law Student Scholarships:

- Applicant must be a Juris Doctor candidate of Hispanic origin who has lived in or lives in the Tampa Bay area (Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Polk, Manatee, or Sarasota counties); and
- Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited law school in the State of Florida; and
- Applicant must have a minimum law school GPA of 2.0 (or equivalent); and
- Applicant should have distinguished himself/herself in service-oriented activities that benefit the Hispanic community in the Tampa Bay area; or
- Applicant should have a demonstrable interest in serving the Hispanic community in the Tampa Bay area upon graduation and/or during law school; and
- If selected, applicant will be **required** to attend the Tampa Hispanic Bar Association's Gala on Saturday, March 28, 2026.

To apply, please: (1) complete the attached application; (2) submit a current resume; (3) submit a copy of your current law school transcript; and (4) submit an essay (no more than 1,000 words that addresses in detail why you are qualified for this scholarship along with any other information you wish to share with the scholarship committee on why you are deserving of this award. This essay should address the criteria outlined above and should not be the same essay submitted for other THBA scholarship opportunities.

Please submit all the above items in PDF format to the Tampa Hispanic Bar Association Scholarship Committee via email to info@thba.org by February 1, 2026.



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ GENDER: _____ LAW SCHOOL: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

ARE YOU THE FIRST PERSON IN YOUR FAMILY TO ATTEND: COLLEGE? Y/N LAW SCHOOL? Y/N

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

TOTAL LAW SCHOOL TUITION FOR THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF STUDENT LOANS RECEIVED OR TO BE RECEIVED FOR THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS, FROM ANY SOURCE, RECEIVED OR TO BE RECEIVED FOR THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR AND SOURCE _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANTS, FROM ANY SOURCE, RECEIVED OR TO BE RECEIVED FOR THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR AND SOURCE _____

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT (DESCRIBE NATURE OF WORK, POSITION, AND INCOME)

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN OR OTHER DEPENDENTS YOU SUPPORT: Y/N How MANY? _____

PLEASE NOTE: IF THERE ARE UNUSUAL FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT YOU WISH TO MAKE THE THBA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AWARE OF PLEASE INCLUDE THAT INFORMATION IN YOUR ESSAY. **IN ADDITION, PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUBMIT THE FOUR (4) ITEMS IDENTIFIED ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS APPLICATION PACKET.**

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

I, _____, CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE, ACCURATE, AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE