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THE HONORABLE EMILIANO JOSE “E.J.” SALCINES, JR. 2025-2026 LAW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Honorable Emiliano Jose “E.J.” Salcines, Jr. (retired) is not only a founding member of the Tampa Hispanic Bar Association (“THBA”) but he has continued to serve as a mentor, advisor, and role model to all members of THBA and so many other Hispanic judges, attorneys, community leaders, and students. In addition, throughout Judge Salcines’ incredible career, having served as a top federal prosecutor and the State (Prosecuting) Attorney for 22 years, in private practice for 13 years, as an appellate judge for the Second District Court of Appeal, and since his retirement, he has demonstrated a steadfast dedication to fairness, diversity, and breaking down barriers. Words will never fully express the incredible impact he has had and continues to have in our community.

In recognition of the countless students Judge Salcines has mentored throughout his career and his continued dedication, service, and financial commitment to this scholarship and other THBA efforts, THBA has named this scholarship after him. This scholarship further supports THBA’s dedication to fulfilling its purpose and providing resources and enhanced opportunities for the education of future attorneys of Hispanic origin or descent while promoting the improvement of Florida’s legal system. As such, THBA will award two law students seeking a Juris Doctor degree a \$2,500 scholarship with the expectation that he/she will further the goals of our organization throughout their legal career. The following are the eligibility requirements for “The Honorable E.J. Salcines Student Scholarship”:

- Applicant must be a Juris Doctor candidate of Hispanic origin; 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 must be able to provide at least one example of how he/she has broken down a barrier for himself/herself or others in a meaningful manner; 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 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