

SOUTH ASIAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
(SABABC)

SABABC FINANCIAL AWARDS FOR LAW STUDENTS

SABABC is pleased to invite applications for financial awards from law students who are currently enrolled in first or second year in the Faculty of Law at the University of British Columbia, the University of Victoria or Thompson Rivers University. The financial awards will be issued from an aggregate of up to \$2,000. SABABC will determine individual award amounts based on merit and the quality of applications received, with individual awards ranging from \$500 to \$2,000.

Scholarships and Bursaries

The financial awards have two components: a scholarship component and a bursary component. Scholarship applicants must submit an original short essay written on a topic concerning South Asians and the law. Bursary applicants must provide information documenting their financial need. Applicants may apply for both the scholarship and bursary.

Criteria

The awards will be made on the basis of several criteria, including the following:

- community involvement;
- academic merit;
- for scholarship applicants, the quality of an original short essay; and
- for bursary applicants, financial need.

Eligibility

The awards are open to all law students enrolled in first or second year in the Faculty of Law at the University of British Columbia, the University of Victoria or Thompson Rivers University at the time of the deadline for applications. Preference will be given to those with proven South Asian ancestry (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) or demonstrated interest in South Asia or the diaspora.

How to Apply

Please fill out the attached application form. All applicants must complete Part A. Scholarship applicants must complete Part B. Bursary applicants must complete Part C.

Completed applications, together with all of the required materials (including academic transcripts), must be submitted via email to SABABC, c/o Jindy Bhalla at jbhalla@ekb.com. **Incomplete or incorrect applications will not be considered.**

The deadline for receipt of completed applications is March 3, 2017. SABABC expects to notify award recipients by April 7, 2017. SABABC reserves the right not to issue any financial awards.

Selection Process

A committee appointed by SABABC will review the applications and submitted materials and evaluate them on a number of subjective and objective criteria. Applicants may be interviewed by phone or in person by a member of the selection committee.

Funds Distribution

Upon verification of the selections by SABABC, award recipients will be notified by letter and the funding will be administered by SABABC. Award recipients may be honoured at an appropriate SABABC event.

PART A

(To be completed by all applicants)

NAME	GENDER	LAW SCHOOL AND YEAR
	I identify my gender as: _____	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time

EMAIL	CURRENT OR LOCAL MAILING ADDRESS	PHONE

LIST OF ACADEMIC DEGREES

LIST OF HONOURS AND AWARDS FOR PAST THREE YEARS

PART A – continued

INVOLVEMENT IN THE SOUTH ASIAN COMMUNITY

Attach a brief statement (up to one page maximum) outlining your involvement to date in the South Asian community in British Columbia, including volunteering activities, educational and other experiences, publications and presentations, and organizations to which you belong.

ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS

Attach a copy of your most current full year academic transcript.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I hereby certify that the information given on this application (in Parts A, B and C, as applicable) and supporting documents is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that misrepresentation of such information may result in rejection of my application.

I hereby consent to SABABC's collection and use of my personal information as disclosed by me herein. I understand that SABABC is collecting such information to evaluate my application for financial awards, and that I may contact Jindy Bhalla (Chair of SABABC Scholarship Committee) at jbhalla@ekb.com if I have any questions or concerns about such collection. Further, I acknowledge and agree that if I am selected for a financial award, SABABC may use certain personal information (including my name and educational and awards history) for the purpose of publicizing the financial award.

I hereby grant permission to SABABC and others that it may consult, to review my academic and other records, materials and information in consideration for this SABABC scholarship. I understand that my application will be considered void if all required materials are not received by SABABC by March 3, 2017.

I further understand that all applications and materials submitted will not be returned and that SABABC may use and publicize the essay submitted in Part B in its sole discretion.

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

PART B

(To be completed by scholarship applicants)

ESSAY

Please comment on the following matters:

- your motivations for becoming a lawyer, and if you are of South Asian descent, whether your South Asian ancestry played a role in your decision to become a lawyer;
- whether you believe South Asian lawyers have a responsibility to contribute to the betterment of the South Asian community, and if so, why; and
- what steps you would take as a lawyer in order to make positive contributions to the South Asian community in British Columbia.

Attach your response to your application. Submissions should be limited to 1,000 words.

PART C

(to be completed by bursary applicants)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

With whom are you living?

Parents / Guardian

Spouse / Partner

Roommate

Self

Marital Status:

Married / Common-Law

Widowed

Divorced

Separated

Single

Number of children in your custody:

Ages of children:

PART C - continued

FINANCIAL INFORMATION		
Financial Assets (including cash savings) and Non-Financial Assets:		
Asset	Market Value	Amount Owing (if applicable)
Income:		
Item	Amount (monthly)	
Aid from Family or Other		
Net Employment Income		
Spouse's Net Employment Income		
Income from Government Sources (including spouse entitlement)		
Other Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards		
Other (describe):		
Other (describe):		
TOTAL		

PART C – continued

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

If there are any special circumstances that make it necessary for you to apply for a bursary, please explain them here.