

Vietnamese American Bar Association
Of the Greater Washington DC Area
(VABA-DC)
2012 Scholarship Application

VABA-DC was established, in part, to contribute to the public interest by serving as a voice for the local Vietnamese American community and assisting community members with legal concerns. In furtherance of that mission, we are proud to sponsor up to two \$1,000 scholarships for law students who have ties to the East Coast and who have demonstrated a commitment to serving the Vietnamese American communities in that region. Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of community service, academic performance, essay, and to a more limited extent, their connections to the Vietnamese American community on the East Coast. The scholarship recipient(s) will be expected to attend a VABA-DC Scholarship Dinner in their honor to be held on April 12, 2012.

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

Alternate Phone: (____) _____ Alternate E-Mail: _____

Law School: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Undergraduate School: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Please attach the following documents to this form and send your package either by regular mail to Hansel T. Pham; White & Case LLP; 701 Thirteenth Street, N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20005, or by e-mail to hpham@whitecase.com, postmarked no later than **March 9, 2012**:

- Resume (please include any honors and awards)
- Unofficial copy of your most recent law school transcript
- One to two references
- An essay (not to exceed 750 words) addressing one of the following questions:
 - How do you plan to serve the needs of Vietnamese Americans in your legal career?
 - What experiences have you had in serving the Vietnamese American community?
 - How have you overcome barriers in your life to achieve your academic and/or career goals?

The essay should also include a brief explanation of your ties and/or commitment to the East Coast, if any.

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Scholarship Terms:

I, the undersigned applicant, understand that if I am awarded a VABA-DC Scholarship (“Scholarship”), I must be enrolled as a law student at least half-time and be in good standing at an ABA- or AALS-accredited law school at the time of the award.

I understand that I must use the scholarship funds for tuition, course-related expenses, or reasonable living expenses while enrolled in law school. I understand that any finding by VABA-DC that I have failed to comply with these terms will result in the forfeiture of the Scholarship, and that VABA-DC, in its sole discretion, may compel the return of the entirety or required portion of the Scholarship upon written demand. Failure to return these monies may result in collection efforts and legal action against me. To the extent allowable by law, the recipient will be responsible for all costs, fees, and expenses incurred by VABA-DC in seeking recovery of the award monies.

I understand that officers and directors of VABA-DC and members of the VABA-DC Scholarship Dinner committee, as well as their immediate families, are ineligible for the Scholarship. I also understand that all materials submitted to VABA-DC will become property of VABA-DC and that VABA-DC reserves the right to issue public announcements regarding Scholarship award winners and to publish their essays.

I understand that if I am the recipient of the scholarship, I will be expected to attend the VABA-DC Scholarship Dinner in Washington, D.C. on April 12, 2012. I understand that VABA-DC may not be able to pay for any expenses, including transportation and lodging, in connection with my attendance at the Scholarship Dinner & Banquet.

I certify that all statements and information contained herein and in all application materials submitted by me are true, correct, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I am required to immediately notify VABA-DC of any material error or omission in my application materials. I certify that the essay attached hereto was written solely by me and is my original work.

Signature of Applicant

Print Name

Date