

Bar Exam Study Grant Instructions & Application

Purpose:

The Maurice A. Deane School of Law (“School of Law”) will award Bar Exam Study Grants (“Grants”) to law students who are registered to take the upcoming Bar exam and who have demonstrated financial need. These Grants are intended to assist graduates who are facing financial constraints or have caregiving responsibilities that will limit their ability to devote time to bar preparation. The purpose of the grant is to support individuals during the crucial 8-10 week period prior to the bar exam by alleviating some financial burden.

Range and Disbursement of Award:

Grants will be awarded up to a maximum of \$2,500, based on application criteria, and will be disbursed approximately two weeks after graduation.

Eligibility:

The School of Law will consider the following factors in awarding Grants:

- Financial need, as determined by the Office of Financial Aid based on previously submitted FAFSA information and factors identified in this application
- Total amount of an applicant’s student loan indebtedness
- Applicant’s current academic record
- Demonstrated commitment to complete a comprehensive bar review course
- Completion of the information and certifications requested in this application

Please note: You are ineligible to apply for this grant if you have a full-tuition merit scholarship

Instructions:

To apply for this Grant, please submit:

- A completed Bar Exam Study Grant Application
- A copy of your resume
- A copy of your transcript (unofficial is acceptable)
- A copy of your receipt confirming registration for the upcoming Bar Exam

All documents must be submitted as one PDF file, via email to lawfinaid@hofstra.edu,
no later than 5:00pm on Monday, April 6, 2026.

Eligibility Questions

Financial Responsibilities

Please select your current living situation:

with family off campus – alone off campus – with roommates on campus

Will it be the same situation in June? Yes No

If no, please explain _____

Please describe your approximate monthly housing costs (rent/mortgage, utilities, etc.):

Do you have any dependents or caregiving responsibilities (childcare, eldercare)? Yes No

If so, please describe those responsibilities and the related monthly expenses.

Please list your major recurring expenses (transportation, food, health care, insurance, loan payments, etc.).

Do you currently receive financial support from family members, relatives, or others? Yes No

If yes, please specify the type and approximate monthly value of that support (housing, groceries, transportation, tuition assistance).

Are you currently employed? Yes No

If yes, how many hours do you work on average per week? _____

Please explain how this grant would allow you to reduce or eliminate your work hours or avoid taking on additional debt.

If you have applied for or are receiving other forms of financial assistance, specifically for bar study expenses (e.g., scholarships, grants, loans), please list them and specify the amounts, if known.

Post-Graduate and Professional Plans

Have you secured post-graduate employment? Yes No

If so, what are your post-graduate employment plans?

If you have not yet secured employment, please describe your job search status and intended career path.

Optional Context

Is there any additional information about your financial circumstances that would help us better understand your need for this grant?

Please attach additional pages as necessary

Required Agreements and Certification

1. I agree to allow the School of Law to access my FAFSA data and other financial aid information, as appropriate.
2. I understand and agree that by signing this form, I give permission to the School of Law to release information regarding my application to the scholarship donor and all applicable parties.
3. I will complete at least 80% of each week's work assigned in the commercial bar review course for which I have registered.
4. I agree to allow the School of Law to track my progress through the test preparation company.
5. If I am awarded a grant, I agree to use the grant to reduce/eliminate child/elder care duties, or to help alleviate economic hardship, during the bar exam study period as described in my "Statement of Need."
6. I understand that this grant will be provided as a stipend for the reasons noted above. I further understand that this grant does not constitute compensation or payment in exchange for services and is not intended to create an employment relationship with Hofstra University.
7. I understand and acknowledge that I am solely responsible for any tax and/or financial aid implications of my Bar Study Exam Grant. I also understand and acknowledge that my stipend may be taxable and, if so, may need to be included in my taxable income. As a result, I understand that it is recommended that I consult with an outside advisor regarding any tax obligations that may arise in connection with this payment.
8. I understand and acknowledge that, in the event that I do not take the July 2026 bar exam, I will be required to repay the bar exam grant stipend distributed to me in advance.

I have read and understand the provisions of this Bar Grant application, and I certify that all the information given here is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false or misleading statement, or inaccurate or incomplete information, may be the basis for denial of a financial award. I further understand that the obligation to provide truthful, accurate, and complete information is a continuing one, which requires me to notify the law school of any changes to my personal or financial situation.

Print Name

Signature

Date