

Bar Exam Study Grant

Purpose:

The Maurice A. Deane School of Law ("School of Law") will award Bar Exam Study Grants ("Grants") to School of Law students who are about to graduate, 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 of Award:

Grants will be awarded in an amount up to \$2,500, based on need, 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
- Total amount of an applicant's student loan indebtedness, based on information available to the Office of Financial Aid
- Applicant's current academic record
- Demonstrated commitment to complete a comprehensive bar review course
- Completion of the information and certifications requested in this application

Instructions:

To apply for this Grant, please submit:

- A completed Bar Exam Study Grant Application
- A week-by-week Study Schedule or Personalized Study Plan indicating the days/hours you plan to study
- Proof of enrollment in a bar review course
- A copy of your transcript (unofficial is acceptable)
- A written "Statement of Need", approximately one page in length, that includes how you are planning to use the grant during the bar exam study period.

All documents must be submitted as one PDF file, via email to lawfinaid@hofstra.edu,
no later than 5:00pm on Monday, April 15, 2024

Bar Grant Study Grant Application
Personal Information

Hofstra Student ID: _____ Name: _____
Last *First* *Middle*

Graduation Date: _____ / _____ Program Enrollment: Full-Time Part-Time
Month *Year*

Permanent Address: _____

Preferred Telephone: cell home (____)____-____ Hofstra E-mail: _____

Do you have any dependents? Yes No If yes, how many and ages: _____

Bar Exam Administration

Where and when do you plan to sit for the bar exam?

Jurisdiction: _____

Administration: _____

Winter/Summer

Year

Bar Review Course

1. Have you purchased a bar review course? _____
2. If YES, which vendor did you select? _____
3. What was the total cost? \$ _____

Childcare/Eldercare

1. Do you expect to have child/elder-care duties during the bar exam study period? _____
2. Describe the nature of your child/elder-care responsibilities, including if you have any support already in place to provide care so you can dedicate time for bar study. _____

3. Estimate your weekly child/elder-care support costs (e.g., nanny, day care, substitute caregiver, summer camp, etc.) \$ _____

I don't have caregiving responsibilities, but I am seeking support due to economic necessity.

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 will make a good faith effort to complete at least 90% of the work assigned in the commercial bar review course for which I have registered.
3. 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."
4. If I am awarded a grant, I agree to provide proof that I am either registered or timely applied to take the bar exam selected above as a condition for the disbursement of my grant.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. I understand and acknowledge that, in the event that I do not take the July 2024 bar exam, I may be required to repay a pro rata portion to the Law School for any 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.


Signature


Date

Financial Information (For Office Use – Not to be Completed by Student)

Total Federal Loans borrowed while enrolled at Hofstra Law: _____

Total Federal Loan indebtedness (lifetime): _____

Scholarships received while enrolled at Hofstra Law:

1L: _____

2L: _____

3L: _____