



Central California Asian Pacific American Bar Association

Attention Director of Financial Aid:

Central California Asian Pacific American Bar Association (CCAPABA) was established to create and maintain a support network for Asian Pacific American attorneys and those interested in Asian American legal issues. CCAPABA is located in the Central Valley area (Fresno).

Accompanying this letter is the Hon. Mikio Uchiyama Memorial Scholarship Application. Judge Uchiyama was a legal pioneer in the Central Valley. Born on a farm in Sanger, California to immigrant parents, he was attending UC Berkeley when he was forced into a concentration camp with over 100,000 other Japanese Americans when WWII started. He was able to secure a student release to attend the University of Texas, becoming the first Asian to graduate from their law school. After admission to the Texas State Bar, he was drafted into the US Army just at the end of WWII. He served under General MacArthur in post war Japan and later participated in the war crimes trials as a civilian attorney. Upon return to California, he was admitted to the California Bar. His legal career includes being the first Japanese American City attorney, the first Asian Judge in the Central Valley and the first Justice Court Judge to sit on assignment with the California Supreme Court. He was instrumental in helping Central Valley farmers, businesses, and organizations. His career was honored by the Emperor of Japan, the Japanese American Citizens League, and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

We are excited to award \$1,500 scholarships to two current law students. Scholarship recipients must demonstrate a commitment to helping and working with the Asian American Pacific community. Scholarship recipients will be honored at CAPABA's annual banquet to be held on Thursday, May 9, 2024 in Fresno, CA (venue to be determined).

CCAPABA scholarship recipients are encouraged to be present at the banquet in order to receive their awards. Each recipient and **one** guest will receive complimentary entry into the annual banquet. Photographs and short biographies of the recipients will also be included in the banquet program.

Please distribute and/or post this letter and attached application **as soon as possible** because completed **applications must be received on or before Monday, April 1, 2024**. If you have any questions or concerns, please email our scholarship committee at ccapaba@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

Rosalyn Jamili

Rosalyn Jamili, President