



# KING HALL LEGAL FOUNDATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS | SCHOOL OF LAW  
400 MRAK HALL DRIVE, DAVIS, CA 95616

## **2013 KHLF Bar Grant Application**

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### **I. MISSION STATEMENT**

The King Hall Legal Foundation (“KHLF”) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to increasing equal access for underserved populations to the justice system. KHLF funds projects proposed and executed by King Hall students and financially supports graduating King Hall students pursuing careers in the public interest legal field as they prepare for the Bar Examination.

### **II. KHLF BAR GRANT**

KHLF Bar Grants are awarded to eligible graduating law students to assist with expenses associated with preparing for and taking the Bar Examination.

### **III. ELIGIBILITY**

To apply for a Bar Grant, you must: (1) be a KHLF member in good standing; (2) graduate from King Hall during the current calendar year; (3) volunteer eight hours of time: five hours of Endowment Fund solicitation and three hours at the KHLF Charity Auction; and (4) must have secured or be actively pursuing a paid or unpaid position at a KHLF qualifying public interest organization.

### **IV. SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS**

Applicants typically have secured employment from, or are pursuing public interest employment with, 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations or public defender’s offices. KHLF will also consider employment or pursuit thereof for other governmental agencies or departments. The work done at the governmental agency or department, however, must be similar to the work that would be done by a qualifying non-profit organization. Furthermore, applicants should demonstrate that the governmental agency or department provides critical legal services that are not currently delivered by non-profit organizations.

KHLF does not award Bar Grants to individuals employed with or seeking employment with a District Attorney’s Office, the Office of the Attorney General, judicial clerkships, or the private sector. If you have a question regarding the merits of a specific type of employment during the application process, please contact the KHLF co-chairs before the application deadline.

KHLF will evaluate applicants and their positions pursuant to the criteria mentioned in Section V.

### **V. SELECTION PROCESS**

The Selection Committee (“Committee”) will evaluate each applicant’s proposal. The Committee is composed of two King Hall faculty members and two alumni who served on the KHLF Board of Directors or who are prior Grant Recipients. The selection criteria by which applicants will be evaluated is attached to this application. KHLF awards grants to applicants receiving the highest overall scores tallied from each of the four selection committee members. **Committee membership will be disclosed.**

Applicants are strongly encouraged to emphasize their experience and dedication to public interest law. If the applicant currently has a post-graduate position, the application should include a discussion of how this position will address a critical legal need in the community. If the applicant has not secured a post-



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graduate position, the application should emphasize both past and present dedication to, and experience with, public interest law as well as any intended pursuit of similar work.

## **Some Criteria Considered Include:**

- The overall connection between the applicant and KHLF's mission;
- Past and current involvement with KHLF;
- Past experience in public interest law;
- Academic experience related to public interest law (this includes courses that reflect a commitment to public interest law, clinical experience, and any public interest research papers fulfilling the law school writing requirement);
- Future public interest plans; and
- The strength of the application, including clarity and thoroughness.

## **VI. GRANT AMOUNT**

The Bar Grant can vary from \$500 to \$4,500. Further, funding is dependent on the overall fundraising success throughout the academic year. KHLF has decided that 90% of funds raised will be awarded to Summer Grants, with the remaining 10% reserved for Bar Grants. Moreover, the amount requested in the application will not necessarily be the amount awarded. KHLF reserves the right to select the distribution amount given.

## **VII. GRANT REQUIREMENTS**

- Grantee must meet the eligibility requirements mentioned in Section III.
- Grantee must adhere to a Grant Award Contract between grantee and KHLF. This contract will require the grantee to:
  - Graduate in the calendar year in which the applications are being reviewed;
  - Register to take the bar examination in the Winter or Summer of 2013;
  - Be responsible for any tax consequences of her/his funding;
  - Pay back grant funds if the grantee does not conform to all contract requirements.
    - Should a grantee not end up working in the public interest field after receiving a grant, said grantee must return the grant money.
- **Note:** grants will not be disbursed until proof of graduation and registration for the bar exam in the applicable time period are confirmed. It is the grantees responsibility to provide this information in a timely manner to the KHLF co-chairs.

## **VIII. APPLICATION DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION**

Applications are due by 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 28, 2013. **Late applications will not be considered.**

Applications must be turned in to the Dean's Suite. The applications will then be dropped off in the KHLF mailbox, located in the Faculty Mail Room. KHLF will begin accepting applications on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 9:00 AM. Please note that the Dean's Suite is closed on the weekends. The office will be open, with a staff member available to accept applications, during regular business hours from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.



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Your proposal will be assigned an anonymous number. Since the selection committee will conduct blind evaluations, **DO NOT put your name on your proposal**, except for the attached cover sheet.

KHLF expects to notify applicants of the results, including wait-list ranking if any, on or before Friday, April 12, 2013.

*Note:* Successful sample applications from previous years are located on Smartsite. If you have questions, please contact Fitz King ([frking@ucdavis.edu](mailto:frking@ucdavis.edu)).



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### PLEASE ATTACH:

#### *Short Answers*

1. How long have you been involved with KHLF?
2. Have you previously received any KHLF funding? If so, when and for what purpose?

#### *Personal Statement*

1. A 2-4 page statement of purpose describing your past and present dedication to, and experience in, public interest law. If you have secured post-graduate employment, please include a discussion of how your position will serve the public interest. If you have not secured post-graduate employment, your statement should focus on your past and present experience in public interest law, and your future plans in the public interest field.

#### *Résumé*

1. A copy of your résumé.

#### *Optional*

1. A "Statement of Financial Need" describing your financial situation for a KHLF Bar Grant is *optional*. If included, the Statement must not exceed 200 words.