

THE HONORABLE NADIA JAMIL KEILANI

SOCIAL IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP

The Arab American Bar Association of San Diego (“AABASD”) proudly announces **The Honorable Nadia Jamil Keilani Social Impact Scholarship**. This scholarship is named in honor of Judge Nadia Jamil Keilani, the first Arab American immigrant judge appointed to the Superior Court of San Diego County.

This annual scholarship aims to recognize the achievements of a San Diego law student or law school graduate studying for the bar exam, who has helped promote, support, and empower the Arab American community of San Diego through community service and volunteerism. The goal of this scholarship is to inspire and empower future leaders in the Arab American legal community who are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of others.

Award: \$2,000.00

Deadline: Friday, February 27, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.

Eligibility Criteria: To be eligible for The Honorable Nadia Jamil Keilani Social Impact Scholarship, an applicant must:

- Be a current member of AABASD as of the date the application is submitted. (Students can become members at <https://www.aabasandiego.com/join-aabasd>.)
- Be a law student enrolled at an ABA – or California – accredited law school in San Diego or a graduate of such a school and studying for the bar exam;
- Demonstrate a track record of building, supporting, and empowering the Arab American community of San Diego; and
- Have a connection to San Diego either through law school attendance or substantial prior residency.

Selection Criteria:

1. A History of Volunteerism:

- Candidates should have a proven record of working or engaging in volunteer opportunities in public interest law during or prior to their law school journey.
- Non-legal community service, including serving in any volunteer capacity with a non-profit organization, will be considered in lieu of legal non-profit work.

2. Commitment to Promoting the Arab American Community:

A key criterion is the candidate’s dedication to protecting and promoting the advancement of the Arab American community of San Diego. The Arab American community includes all those whose origins are rooted in the modern Arab World.

Judge Nadia Jamil Keilani and AABASD appreciate your efforts and wish you the best of luck!

APPLICATION

Full Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Law School: _____

Current Year in Law School: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

If selected as scholarship recipient, you must commit to attending AABASD's Annual Gala in April.

_____ Yes _____ No

Personal Statement:

Please provide insight into your history of volunteerism as it relates to protecting and promoting the advancement of the Arab American community of San Diego.

Instructions: personal statement should be between 500 and 750 words; 12-point font, and double spaced.

Additional documents to provide:

- Resume/Curriculum Vitae
- Proof of Law School enrollment

Certification:

By submitting this Application, I agree and acknowledge that:

- (1) The information in the application is true, complete, and accurate.
- (2) I may be disqualified from consideration if AABASD determines, in its sole discretion, that:
 - (a) information in my application is false, misleading, or inaccurate;
 - (b) my application is incomplete or untimely; or
 - (c) I do not meet the eligibility criteria.
- (3) I will provide additional information if requested by AABASD.
- (4) My application is the property of AABASD and will not be returned to me.
- (5) AABASD, or its designees, shall have exclusive authority to select scholarship recipients, if any, and set scholarship amounts per recipient.
- (6) All decisions are final, subject to AABASD's sole authority to revoke, rescind, or modify any scholarship decision.

I further agree and acknowledge that AABASD can use my name, image, likeness, and/or background information for purposes of marketing, promoting, and increasing awareness of The Honorable Nadia Jamil Keilani Social Impact Scholarship and AABASD.