



### **The MetroLALSA *Pa'lante* Scholarship Award**

MetroLALSA, Inc. (“MetroLALSA”), founded in 2010, is a student-run organization comprised of members of the Latina/o Law Student Associations in the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area. As the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual *Pa'lante* Conference approaches, MetroLALSA is pleased to announce the 2020 MetroLALSA *Pa'lante* Scholarship Award.

Before completing and submitting this application, please carefully read the attached **Guidelines and Requirements**. This application and all supporting documentation must be received no later than **Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., EDT** via email to the Scholarship Committee Administrator, Marlene C Valadez (metrolalsaorg@gmail.com). Ms. Valadez will serve as liaison between the Scholarship Committee and will not review applications. Applications will not be considered complete until all application materials are received. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Scholarship recipient(s) will be notified prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual *Pa'lante* Conference at New York Law School, 185 West Broadway, New York, NY 10013 taking place on March 28, 2020. Scholarship recipient(s) are required to attend the conference and dinner reception.

**¡Buena Suerte!**



## GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

**Eligibility:** MetroLALSA's 2020 Pa'lante Scholarship Award is open to all student members, regardless of racial or ethnic background, of the Latina/o Law Student Associations with MetroLALSA Delegates. In 2020, students from the following law schools are eligible to apply: Brooklyn Law, Cardozo Law, Columbia Law, CUNY Law, Fordham Law, Hofstra Law, NYLS, NYU Law, Pace Law, Rutgers Law, Seton Hall Law, St. John's Law, Touro Law. Applicants must be current law students, including those graduating in 2020.

**Selection:** Scholarship recipient(s) will be selected by an ad hoc Scholarship Committee comprised of MetroLALSA alumni.

**Criteria:** The Scholarship Committee will consider the following factors:

1. Community involvement/volunteer initiatives
2. Commitment to the Latino community
3. Academic Pursuits
4. Unique circumstances
5. Resume (two-page limit)
6. Personal Statement (*750-word limit*)
7. Letter of Recommendation (*optional*)

**Submission:** A completed application and supporting materials must be submitted via email to [metrolalsaorg@gmail.com](mailto:metrolalsaorg@gmail.com) by Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. EDT.

**Notification:** Recipient(s) will be notified the week of March 23, 2020. Please note that recipient(s) are required to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pa'lante Conference and Dinner Reception on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at New York Law School. Upon notification, please advise the Scholarship Committee as soon as practicable of any extenuating circumstance that prohibit attendance at the conference.

**Award:** MetroLALSA will disburse scholarship funds directly to the award recipient(s).

**Release:** Award recipient(s) agrees that by receiving scholarship monies, any photographs taken of the award recipient(s) at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pa'lante Conference Award Ceremony may be used by MetroLALSA on the website, social media, newsletter or any other promotional materials.



**Instructions:** Please answer each question completely and accurately. If a question is not applicable, please indicate this by writing "N/A". Please type or print legibly.

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Home [ ] Work [ ] Cell

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Connection, if any, to MetroLALSA: \_\_\_\_\_

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### II. EDUCATION

Are you the first in your family to go to college? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Are you the first in your family to go to law school? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Name of the law school you are attending: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Reminder: you must be currently enrolled to apply)*

Type of law school program: [ ] Full-Time [ ] Part-time

Date you entered law school: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Date you expect to graduate: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA to date: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank if known: \_\_\_\_\_



### III. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & LEADERSHIP

List your involvement with law school extracurricular activities or associations, and any leadership positions held regarding the same, i.e. journals, moot court, Student Bar Association. If you do not have significant extracurricular activity, you may include a brief explanation.

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Years/Semesters Involved</i>	<i>Office Held, if any:</i>
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### IV. COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

List your involvement with community organizations, and any leadership positions held regarding the same. Please discuss these activities and your contributions to the activities in your personal statement.

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Years /Semesters Involved</i>	<i>Office Held, if any:</i>
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**V. OTHER**

A) Please list any scholarship/financial assistance you receive, or have received, from your school and other outside sources.

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B) Please discuss any additional facts or circumstances that you think might be useful in our evaluation of your application, i.e. dependents, unique living situation, etc.

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**VI. RESUME *(two-page limit)***



**VII. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**  
*(Optional)*

You may submit up to one letter of recommendation. Please provide the name of the person submitting a recommendation on your behalf. Include his/her affiliation and/or connection to you, i.e. “employer” or “professor.” The letter should specifically comment on your academics, professional skills and/or public interest/community work.

*Recommender’s Name*

*Affiliation*

*Years known applicant*

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**VIII. PERSONAL STATEMENT**

The theme of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pa’lante Conference is “¡Seguimos Siempre Pa;lante!”. How does this represent your career and life experience, and how does it relate to the legal profession overall? (750-word limit)



## IX. CERTIFICATION

I certify to the best of my knowledge the information given on this application is complete and accurate. I understand that providing false, misleading or incomplete information will be the basis for denial or revocation of scholarship funds. I further certify that I will use scholarship funds exclusively for educational purposes.

Applicant Signature (*must not be typed*): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name (*Print*): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## X. RELEASE

MetroLALSA respects the privacy of all applicants and will treat all information contained in and submitted along with this application as confidential, except as may be required to evaluate and verify information contained herein. MetroLALSA may utilize any information contained in the application or supporting materials and any photos of the applicant, provided by the undersigned or taken during the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pa'lante Conference Award Ceremony, to publicize the undersigned's receipt of the MetroLALSA Pa'lante Scholarship Award. The undersigned hereby grants MetroLALSA the right to use in all media, including but not limited to, the MetroLALSA website, social media, newsletters, brochures, and any other promotion materials, the undersigned's name, image, biography, and excerpts from the undersigned's application in connection with the MetroLALSA Pa'lante Scholarship Award.

**I understand and agree to the terms of this provision, including release and waiver of confidentiality as described herein should I be selected to receive the MetroLALSA Pa'lante Scholarship Award, and grant free permission to MetroLALSA to use the information contained herein or in the supporting materials about my background, my image, biography and application excerpts to publicize my receipt of the MetroLALSA Pa'lante Scholarship Award.**

Applicant Signature (*must not be typed*): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name (*Print*): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_





## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

**An incomplete application will NOT be considered.**

Completed application

Resume

Personal Statement

Certification, *signed and dated*

Release, *signed and dated*

**The above items must be scanned and submitted in one document**

Letter of Recommendation (optional)

Signed letter should be addressed to:

MetroLALSA Scholarship Committee  
c/o Marlene C. Valadez, Scholarship Committee Administrator

Sent to: [metrolalsaorg@gmail.com](mailto:metrolalsaorg@gmail.com)

Subject line: MetroLALSA Scholarship LOR (Applicant Last Name)

Deadline: COMPLETED applications must be received by **Saturday, March 14, 2020 11:59pm EDT.**