



**University of California
HASTINGS COLLEGE OF THE LAW**

CALIFORNIA BAR PREPARATION LOAN

Members of the Hastings faculty and the Board of Directors have pledged funds to provide no interest loans to cover part of the expenses associated with preparation for the California Bar exam. These expenses may include a bar review course, supplemental bar review support and living expenses. Eligible applicants include selected graduating students who are first-time takers of the July California Bar who do not have the resources or private bar loan eligibility to cover these costs.

Selection Criteria

This loan is intended to assist graduates with academic need who do not have the resources or private bar loan eligibility to cover the costs of a bar review course. Applicants are required to submit a copy of their transcript when applying for a loan under this program. A written personal statement and a copy of a lender's bar loan denial letter must be submitted with the loan application. Loans shall be awarded by the Academic Dean. Factors taken into consideration may include, but are not limited to academic-need, whether the applicant is eligible for other sources of financial support, or whether extraordinary personal or financial circumstances make it unreasonable for the applicant to pursue other sources of financial support. A personal interview may be required.

Conditions of the Loan

As a condition of the loan, the recipient shall complete a bar review course and take the California Bar Exam within one year of graduation from Hastings. The Academic Dean may impose additional conditions including, but not limited to, a requirement that the applicant participate in a Bar Exam preparation program offered by the College or that the participant limit his or her employment while preparing to take the Bar Exam.

Under this program, loans shall be repaid within five years, beginning six months after the recipient sits for the designated Bar Exam.

If the recipient fails to meet the conditions of the loan set forth herein or any of the conditions imposed by the Academic Dean, or becomes ineligible for the loan, as outlined in the promissory note, the loan shall become immediately due and payable to Hastings.

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APPLICATION**

Submit this application, a copy of an academic transcript, a personal statement describing your need for this loan and a bar loan denial notice to the Financial Aid Office. You may include additional supporting documentation.

I. APPLICANT SECTION

Personal Data (Print Clearly)

Name: _____ UCH Student I.D.: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail _____

Loan Amount Requested: \$ _____ (Loan amount awarded is subject to funding availability.)

Date expected to take the Bar: _____

Statements

Certification and Authorization – Please Initial Each Item:

_____ I am currently eligible for graduation.

_____ I am taking the California Bar Exam for the first time.

_____ I have been denied the conventional private bar study loan (submit documentation)

_____ I do not expect to be able to take a full-time bar review course (e.g. Bar/Bri) unless I receive this loan. (Explain in your personal statement.)

_____ I am not a bar rep, my employer is not paying for the course for me and /or I am not, through some other means, receiving a course at no cost to me.

Loan Repayment Terms and Conditions – Please Initial Each Section:

_____ If I am awarded this loan, I understand I will be required to sign a promissory note with Hastings setting forth the complete terms and conditions of the loan.

_____ If I am required to take the February Bar Exam, my first loan payment will be due six months later on August 1st and if I am required to take the July Bar Exam, my first loan payment will be due six months later on January 1st.

_____ I shall repay the full amount of the loan awarded to me within five years from the first loan payment due date (see above) and I am required to make minimum payments of \$100.00 per month.

_____ I may be required to repay the loan in full if at any time I fail to meet the conditions of the loan as imposed by the Academic Dean or I become ineligible for the loan as outlined in the promissory note.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true.

I authorize the release of my entire academic record (including a transcript) and my entire financial aid file to the Academic Dean and/or any other designated selection committee for consideration in determining my eligibility for this loan.

If I receive this loan I will complete a full-time bar study course and submit a copy of the receipt to Financial Aid.

Signature

Date

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II. FINANCIAL AID (to be completed by the Office of Financial Aid)

____ Applicant received need-based financial aid for attendance at UC Hastings.

____ Applicant was denied a conventional private bar study loan.

Signature

Date

III. ACADEMIC DEAN (to be completed by the Academic Dean)

Date the applicant is expected to take the bar: _____

Required supplemental courses:

Approved Loan Amount: \$ _____

Signature

Date