

## Paying for Law School

resources and considerations for native students

**BerkeleyLaw**  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

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## TUITION AND FEES

SEMESTER OR QUARTER

- tuition based on full-time enrollment during the academic year
- required fees to support general services on campus (e.g., student rec center, library, technology)

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## COST OF LIVING

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES

- room and board – on and off-campus, or with parents, utilities, and meals
- books and supplies
- transportation – parking decal, gasoline, insurance, and maintenance
- personal – recreation, services, items, laundry, clothing, health insurance
- miscellaneous

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## OTHER COSTS

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## COA EXAMPLES

	School One	School Two	School Three	School Four
Rank	Top 30	Top 10	Top 10	Unranked
Residency	Resident	Non-resident	N/A	N/A
Tuition & Fees	\$28,058	\$53,276	\$66,036	\$55,316
Cost of Living	\$22,714	\$29,748	\$33,822	\$28,325
Cost of Attendance	\$50,772/yr	\$89,266/yr	\$80,966/yr	\$83,641/yr
Net Cost Over 3 Years	\$152,316	\$267,798	\$242,898	\$250,923

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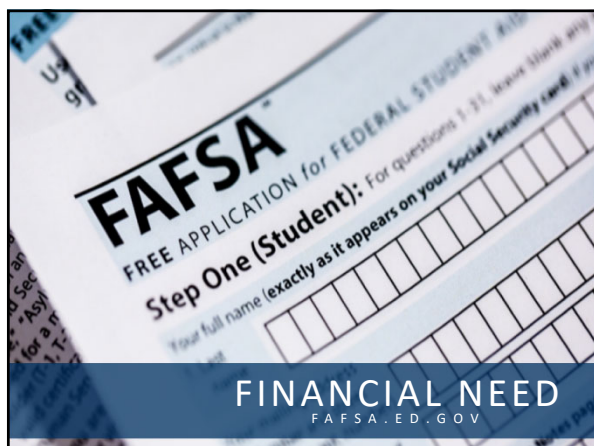
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## SCHOLARSHIPS

FIRST YEAR AND CONTINUING

- First-Year Scholarships (e.g., Berkeley Law Opportunity Scholarship and Hyundai-Kia)
- Second and Third-Year Scholarships (e.g., Kevin Kane Memorial Book Scholarship and Truman Young Fellowship)
- State/County Bar Associations (e.g., Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area)
- Scholarship Foundations (e.g., BLF Phoenix Fellowship)

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## OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

- Regional and National Scholarships
- Diversity Bar Associations (e.g., National Bar Association and NNABA)
- Scholarship Foundations (e.g., RMMLF, HSF and MADLEF)
- Law Related Organizations (e.g., BarBri, Equal Justice Works and Writing Competitions)

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## TRIBAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- American Indian Graduate Center – scholarship, loan for service, bar loans
- American Indian Education Foundation
- American Indian Science and Engineering Society
- Association on American Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Cobell Scholars
- Native American Scholarship Fund
- Native Bar Associations or Indian Law Sections

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## CHOOSING A SCHOOL

	School One	School Two	School Three	School Four
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Residency	Resident	Non-resident	N/A	N/A
Tuition & Fees	\$28,058	\$53,276	\$66,036	\$55,316
Cost of Attendance	\$50,772/yr	\$89,266/yr	\$80,966/yr	\$83,641/yr
Scholarship	\$18,058	\$50,000	30,000	\$30,000
Loan (Federal or Private)	\$32,714	\$39,266	\$50,966	\$53,641
Net Cost Over 3 Years	\$98,142	\$117,798	\$152,898	\$160,923

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is there a  
**reconsideration** process?

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follow **instructions**

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*follow instructions*  
provide **documentation**

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*follow instructions*  
*provide documentation*  
**pay attention to**  
**deadlines**

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**are there other **dos** and**  
****don'ts** to consider?**

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## **"DO" CONSIDERATIONS**

- Submit a well-crafted and thoughtful request
- Share the deadline with other offers
- Attend admitted-related events (e.g., Admitted Students Weekend)

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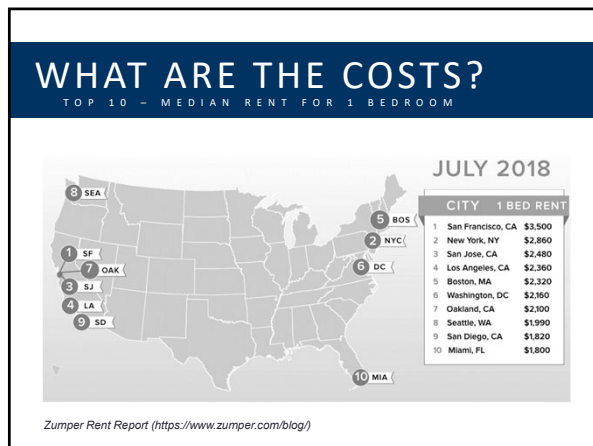
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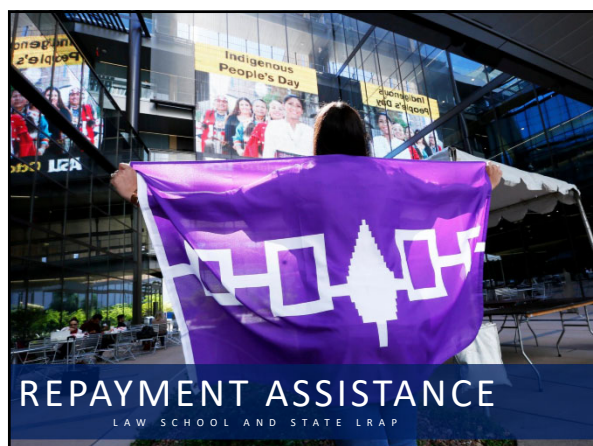
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## "DON'T" CONSIDERATIONS

- Don't expect to complete law school without debt
- Don't expect a full scholarship
- Don't miss specific instructions or deadlines
- Don't provide a "laundry list"
- Do not be unprofessional if the school cannot accommodate your request
- Don't ask others to advocate your request
- Don't assume we have a similar timeline with other law schools (e.g., exploding offers)
- Don't do the request en masse

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Reconsideration	\$0	\$0	\$10,000/yr	\$5,000/yr
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	School 1	School 2	School 3
Tuition and Fees	\$	\$	\$
<b>COST OF LIVING</b>			
Books and Supplies	\$	\$	\$
Room and Board	\$	\$	\$
Personal	\$	\$	\$
Transportation	\$	\$	\$
Miscellaneous	\$	\$	\$
Health Insurance	\$	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE</b>			
(Tuition and Fees + Cost of Living)	\$	\$	\$
<b>OTHER CONSIDERATIONS</b>			
Application Fees	\$	\$	\$
Seat Deposit	\$	\$	\$
<b>COMMON AUXILIARY FEES</b>			
LSAT Registration Fee		\$190	
GRE Registration Fee		\$205	
Credential Assembly Service (CAS)		\$195	
CAS Law School Report	\$45/each	\$45/each	\$45/each
Academic Transcript(s)		Varies	

	School 4	School 5	School 6
Tuition and Fees	\$	\$	\$
<b>COST OF LIVING</b>			
Books and Supplies	\$	\$	\$
Room and Board	\$	\$	\$
Personal	\$	\$	\$
Transportation	\$	\$	\$
Miscellaneous	\$	\$	\$
Health Insurance	\$	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE</b>			
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<b>OTHER CONSIDERATIONS</b>			
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