Attn: Director of Financial Aid and/or President/Chair La Raza Students Association:

Attached please find the Mario Olmos Scholarship Application. Since 1980, La Raza Lawyers Association of Fresno has awarded scholarships to deserving law students who have demonstrated academic achievement, leadership ability, involvement in the Latino community, financial need, and ties to California’s Central Valley. Since 1991, our scholarship fund has been dedicated to the memory of the late Superior Court Judge Mario G. Olmos, a Fresno County jurist and respected community leader who was tragically killed in an automobile accident in 1990 at the age of 43. Judge Olmos epitomized the ideals of honor, courage, leadership, and public service through his achievements as a student, volunteer, lawyer and judge.

This year the annual banquet will be held in Fresno on April 10th, 2015, and there will be additional scholarships awarded in the memory of other dedicated lawyers and community leaders, who have made tremendous contributions to the Latino community, but who have also died prematurely. California Supreme Court Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar will be our keynote speaker.

Recipients of scholarship awards are expected to be present at the banquet in order to receive their awards. Each recipient will receive complimentary entry to the banquet for themselves and one guest. Photographs and short biographies of the recipients will also be included in the banquet program booklet.

Please distribute and/or post this letter and attached application as soon as possible because completed applications must be received on or before February 20th, 2015. If you or any applicant has any questions about the application please contact Juan Ramirez at Juan-f-r@comcast.net or 559-679-9507. Preferred method of contact is through email.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

David A. Gottlieb
Olmos Scholarship Committee
LA RAZA LAWYERS ASSOCIATION – CENTRAL VALLEY CHAPTER
HON. MARIO G. OLMOS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name:____________________________________________________  ______________________________________

Home Address:_________________________________________ City: _____________ State: ____ ZIP: _________

Home Telephone: _________________ Cell Phone: ______________ Email: ____________________________

Mailing Address:_____________________________________ City: _______________ State: _____ ZIP:_________

Name of Law School Presently Attending: ____________________________________________________________

Law School Address:___________________________________ City: _______ State: _____ Zip: _________


(Expected cumulative)

Expected Graduation Date (Mo/Yr): _______________

Estimated Yearly Tuition: $_____________  Estimated Yearly Cost of Books and Supplies: $_____________

Other Education Related Expenses: $________________ [Please list these expenses on a separate sheet of paper.]

Applicant’s Annual Income: $________________ [Please list on a separate sheet of paper income derived from all sources, including, but not limited to, income from employment, spouse’s employment, parents’ financial assistance, financial aid, grants, other scholarships, gifts, etc.]

Provide the names and ages of all dependents, including spouse, for which you provide financial support: __________

_______________________________________________________________________________________________

Please provide a typed personal statement of three pages or less, 12 point font, in which you respond to the following questions:

1. What do you consider to be the most significant event in your life, and how did this event impact your desire to attend law school?

2. What community organizations or activities have you participated in or are currently participating in to advance the social, economic or legal equality for the poor, minorities, and women?

3. How do you plan to use your law school education to advance the social, economic and legal equality for the poor, minorities, and women of the San Joaquin Valley?

4. If you are a past recipient of this scholarship, please specify the year you were awarded the scholarship and articulate why you feel you should be considered for another scholarship.

You may attach up to three letters of recommendation from non-relatives. The letters of recommendation may also be mailed separately to the address indicated on the next page, but must be postmarked by the application deadline to be considered.

By signing below, I affirm that all information contained in this application and in any attachments submitted in support thereof are true and correct. I also acknowledge and agree that any false statement or misrepresentation of any material fact submitted for the purpose of determining my eligibility for this scholarship will result in disqualification and that I will be required to repay any scholarship monies received. Also, by signing below I am agreeing that if awarded a scholarship, LaRaza Lawyers Association may use any photos taken of me at the reception or provided by me, for promotional purposes.

________________________________________________________     ___________________________
Applicant’s Signature  Date
Depending on the number of scholarships awarded, the scholarships can vary in amount. Most recently the amounts have varied from $1,000 to $3,000.

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must be presently enrolled in the first, second, third or fourth year of legal study.

Applicants who have been accepted to a law school, but who are not enrolled during the current academic year are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Applicants who have previously been admitted to law school, but who are no longer enrolled during the current academic year, without good cause, are not eligible to apply for this scholarship. If applicable and good cause exists, please explain: (a) the basis for the present leave of absence from enrollment; (b) the anticipated duration of such leave of absence; and (c) the date of anticipated re-enrollment:

DEADLINE:

Applications **must be received on or before** February 20, 2015 5:00 pm and e-mailed to:

Juan-f-r@comcast.net

Questions can be directed to Juan at Juan-f-r@comcast.net or by phone at (559) 679-9507. *Email inquiries are preferred.* Applications and more information are available at larazalaw.com.

NOTE:

If awarded a scholarship, the recipient will be requested to submit a current photograph along with a release to utilize the photo in the annual program, and short biography, on or before March 6, 2015 for inclusion in the banquet program, and will be expected to attend, if possible, the LRLA Scholarship Banquet on Friday evening, April 10th at 6:30 p.m. in Fresno, California. California Supreme Court Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar will be our keynote speaker.