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The National Civics & Law Academy Experience

You can help the American Bar Association provide students from minority and underserved communities with an opportunity to spend four days deepening their understanding about the relationship that law, policies, people, and institutions have in shaping our nation. Students interact directly with leaders in law and government, who offer them an inside perspective on the three branches of government at work.

As a professional pipeline program, the NCLA exposes students to a variety of legal career opportunities and sparks student interest in learning more on how to become involved in law and government.

Make a Difference

"I have learned so much about the United States government, public policy, and different careers in the legal field. Most importantly, I have gained a huge amount of confidence in myself, my abilities, and what I am now sure I can achieve."
—Calil, (Philadelphia, PA)

"I have grown as a better person and citizen. I hope that back home, I will incorporate these ideas and what I have learned in my community.
—Paula, (Santa Ana, CA)

Support the National Civics & Law Academy

Students selected to participate in the Academy have demonstrated academic and leadership success, represent underserved communities, and would otherwise not have such an opportunity. The NCLA is an all-inclusive program (meals, lodging, and transportation costs are provided for the students selected to attend).

View donation levels for the National Civics & Law Academy on the reverse side and at ambar.org/civacademy.

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- Enrolled in junior or senior year of high school
- Represent a minority and underserved community
- Demonstrate a record of academic or leadership success.
- Have an interest in law, government, history, political science or public policy

In addition, selected students are asked to submit a letter of recommendation, a recent academic transcript, and a statement detailing their interest in attending the NCLA.

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