

Award Guidelines
State Bar of California Education Pipeline Award
(Adopted by the Board of Governors November 21, 2008.)

PURPOSE

The State Bar of California Education Pipeline Award is established by the Board of Governors to recognize outstanding efforts of law-related educational programs.

EDUCATION AWARD CRITERIA

All California kindergarten through college educational programs are eligible.

Nominations should describe the program and demonstrate the ways it has increased student awareness about the justice system and knowledge about the legal profession.

Nominated programs will be asked to include the following, where the information is available:

- The length of time that the program has been in existence
- The duration and frequency of student interaction with the program: is it daily, weekly, quarterly, throughout the school year or during the summer?
- Whether the program is extracurricular or part of an academic program.
- Innovations or creative strategies that are part of the program
- Documentation of increased student awareness about the justice system
- Measures of increased student knowledge about the legal profession
- Demonstration of an increase in the students' legal skill set
- Any increase in applications to the program
- The rate of retention of students in the program
- Activities that expose the students to real legal practitioners and workplaces
- Any materials provided to students and parents

The Council also will require that nominations include details about the program, including size and scope of the program and the backgrounds of the students, for example, the age range of the students, whether they have family members in the legal profession, why students chose to enroll in the program (if known), the socioeconomic status of the students and whether the program serves a rural or urban area.