

Justicia en Diversidad Foundation

Scholarship & Mentorship Program

1. Qualifications

Applicants must: (1) Currently attend a high school within the United States; (2) Be of Latino heritage; (3) Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; (4) Attend an accredited two or four-year U.S. college on a full-time basis during the 2008-2009 academic year (verification of attendance will be required prior to payment disbursement).

2. General Instructions

Please follow all instructions carefully. All application materials must be postmarked on or by February 1, 2008. Do not staple any part of your application. Paper clips are acceptable. Ensure that the following items, along with the attached Application Form, are mailed together in one envelope to the address indicated below. Please direct any questions to: abonisaenz@law.harvard.edu or alianza@law.harvard.edu.

3. Transcripts

A transcript from the high school you are currently attending must be included. You may attach transcripts from other high schools you have attended if you feel those transcripts will give JDF a better understanding of your academic accomplishments.

4. Letter(s) of Recommendation

Please include at least one letter of recommendation, preferably two. No more than three will be accepted. The Scholarship Committee prefers letters written on school letterhead by a teacher or other school official. Letters from other sources, such as employers, are also acceptable. The recommender should discuss any or all of the following: your academic and extracurricular achievements, community involvement, motivation, and leadership.

5. Personal Statement

Your personal statement should be a concise and creative discussion on the following topic: **"How have your background or experiences influenced or shaped your interest in the legal profession?"** We do not want to stifle creativity, but please do not stray too far off topic—our committee's evaluation of your statement will be based largely on how well you write on the assigned topic. This statement should not exceed two double-spaced pages with 12-point font and one inch margins.

6. Honors, Paid & Volunteer Work, & Extracurricular Activities

On a separate sheet of paper, please list and describe any honors you have received, paid and volunteer positions you have held, and extracurricular activities in which you have participated. This may be in the form of a resume.

7. Financial Information

Please attach a copy of your 2008-2009 Student Aid Report (SAR). If it is not available or you did not apply for federal aid, please attach a copy of both your **and** your parents' 2006 Federal Income Tax Returns.

8. Optional Statement

You are welcome to include with your application an additional statement that discusses any **personal, financial, or academic factors** you feel the scholarship committee should be aware of when considering your application. Again, please write only about these factors. This statement is entirely **optional** and should not exceed one double-spaced page with 12-point font and one inch margins.

9. Mail Application

Send all application materials together, in one envelope, to the following address:

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