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Application for the Illinois Judges Foundation Harold Sullivan Scholarship 2026

Background

The Illinois Judges Foundation Harold Sullivan Scholarship Program Featuring the Justice Mary Jane Theis Scholarship

The Illinois Judges Foundation (IJF) is proud to support the next generation of legal leaders through its Harold Sullivan Scholarship Program—a collection of scholarships recognizing law students who demonstrate a commitment to service, integrity, and the pursuit of justice.

New this year, the IJF introduces the Justice Mary Jane Theis Scholarship, one of several awards offered under the Harold Sullivan Scholarship umbrella, honoring Justice Theis's legacy of leadership and dedication to the judiciary.

Each year, the IJF awards multiple scholarships in varying amounts to students attending Illinois law schools, including at least one \$5,000 scholarship. Historically, the IJF has awarded multiple scholarships annually, with no set limit on the total number of awards that may be granted in any given year. Scholarship funds are paid directly to recipients' law schools and applied toward tuition and other qualified educational expenses. In some cases, law schools may also provide matching funds, thereby increasing the total financial support available to each student.

Law Student Scholarship Application Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Enrolled in an Illinois law school with at least one year remaining
- Demonstrated financial need
- Community service and/or pro bono experience
- No close family member who is a judge

Submission Deadline & Instructions

The Illinois Judges Foundation is accepting applications until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2026.

More information and the application form can be found at www.ijfoundation.org.

Applications and questions should be sent to **Hon. Helaine Berger, (Ret.)** and **Hon. April G. Troemper**, ijf@chicagobar.org.

Note: Letters of recommendation are not accepted, nor are personal or professional references.

Please type out or legibly print responses.

PART 1: General Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Local Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

PART 2: Academic Information

Current Law School: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: May 2027 May 2028 Other: _____

Identify any college or university from which you graduated, the year, and the degree received:

Undergraduate Institution(s): _____

Year: _____ Degree: _____

Do you have a relative who is a current or former judge? YES NO

If YES, provide Name, Relationship, and Current Assignment: _____

PART 3: Scholarship Information

Your responses to the following prompts must be attached to the email along with the completed Application Form. Responses must be submitted in typewritten, double-spaced, 12-point font, with one-inch margins. Your responses/answers should be your own independent work and not with the assistance of artificial intelligence (AI).

1. **Statement of Financial Need:** In a separate document, in pdf or docx format, explain your financial need in detail. Relevant information includes a description of your financial aid, scholarship/s, grant/s, loan/s, your income from employment, your familial support, and any extenuating financial circumstances.
2. **Community Service & Pro Bono Record:** In a separate document, in pdf or docx format, describe any community service and/or pro bono work you have done.
3. **Legal Writing Essay:** In a separate document, in pdf or docx format,
4. respond to the following essay prompt in 750- 1500 words (not including citations).

Essay Prompt

Roy Batty is charged in Artemis, Illinois, with the unlawful use of a firearm and the manufacture or delivery of more than 15 but less than 100 grams of cocaine.

Detective Rick Deckard of Artemis Police Department's Street Crimes Task Force testified at the preliminary hearing that his duties focused on arresting suspects for narcotics and gun offenses. He and his task force had kept Batty under surveillance for the past month. On April 1, 2026, Deckard obtained a warrant to search the premises at 1234 Cherry Lane, in Artemis.

On the morning of April 2, 2026, the Task Force devised a plan. The officers did not want to arrest Batty at or near the residence; rather, they wanted him to drive away, after which the officers would conduct a traffic stop. While Batty was stopped, members of the Task Force would search Batty's home. This would, as Deckard testified, "minimize any risk of him either fleeing or making forced entry into the residence, and would help ensure the safety of all involved."

The traffic stop was carried out by Detective J.F. Sebastian, who was wearing a uniform (he normally wore street clothes) and driving a marked squad car.

Batty's home on Cherry Lane was kept under surveillance throughout the morning of April 2nd. Another member of the Task Force saw a person who matched the general description of Batty

leave the residence. That officer believed but was not positive that it was Batty. That person, however, drove off in a car registered to Batty.

The traffic stop was executed approximately one mile from the Cherry Lane home, at 1814 State Street, in Artemis. Sebastian radioed that the traffic stop had occurred. Deckard then drove to the site of the traffic stop and confirmed that Batty was the driver who Sebastian had stopped.

When Deckard arrived, he learned over his radio that entrance into the Cherry Lane home had been delayed because of a security system in place. A digital code was needed to open the door.

After Deckard arrived at the traffic stop site, Batty was handcuffed and put in the front seat of an unmarked police car. Deckard introduced himself to Batty and explained that his team was preparing to enter Batty's home as authorized by a search warrant.

Deckard asked Batty if there were any adults, children, elderly or dogs present inside the home. Batty stated no. He then asked Batty for the code to the front door in order to avoid any damage to his residence. Batty provided him with the code of "314159." Deckard radioed this information to the other Task Force members, who then gained entry and discovered both drugs and guns.

During cross-examination at the preliminary hearing, Deckard said that the investigation by the Task Force involved controlled buys of drugs from Batty for approximately one month. The search warrant complaint was based on the prior drug purchases made from Batty through a confidential informant. Deckard said the traffic stop and arrest were for the earlier controlled buys, but Deckard acknowledged that the felony charges ultimately filed against Batty were for the drugs and firearms found in the home during the execution of the search warrant and not for the earlier controlled buys. Deckard stated that there was no intention to formally charge Batty with the controlled drug purchases, since that would "burn" the confidential informant.

Batty's counsel has filed a motion to suppress the evidence recovered from the home, arguing that it was the result of an illegal arrest. Citing *Bailey v. United States*, 568 U.S. 186 (2013), counsel argues that Batty was illegally arrested in connection with the search warrant, even though he was almost a mile away from his residence. The traffic stop, counsel argued, was a pretext because the remote arrest connected to the search could not be supported under *Bailey*.

Your Assignment

Write an essay analyzing whether the trial court should grant or deny the defendant's motion to suppress the evidence as a result of an illegal arrest. Analyze what constitutional protections Batty may invoke. Cite to relevant case law. Discuss the likelihood that Batty's motion to suppress evidence will succeed. If you find a constitutional violation, analyze whether suppression is required or whether any exception to the exclusionary rule applies.

ADDITIONAL TERMS/AGREEMENTS

1. Publication Agreement

I hereby grant the Illinois Judges Foundation the royalty-free, non-exclusive right to publish this essay, or any modification of this essay, in any form of publication. I am the sole owner of any copyrights to this essay and I will retain all rights to reproduce, distribute, or display this essay along with all other rights, privileges, and remedies granted or reserved to a holder of a United States copyright.

2. Photo Release

I hereby grant permission to the Illinois Judges Foundation to use photographs or videos of me taken during the Harold Sullivan Scholarship award event for use in media stories, publications, IJF marketing communications, websites, reports to sponsors, and any other matter related to the Illinois Judges Foundation.

3. Certification

I hereby acknowledge that I have read this agreement and agree to be bound by each and every term herein.

I do hereby swear or affirm that the information contained herein is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

I hereby acknowledge that the essay submitted with this application is my sole, exclusive and original work and not the product of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

I am fully aware that any intentional falsification of information contained herein may result in the denial of the application or loss of any aid received.

I realize that this award may be revoked if I fail to meet the designated qualifications. I understand that I must continue to meet the designated qualifications.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____