

**APPLICATION FOR ILLINOIS JUDGES FOUNDATION
HAROLD SULLIVAN SCHOLARSHIP 2024**

BACKGROUND

The Illinois Judges Foundation awards the Harold Sullivan Scholarship to one or more students attending an Illinois law school. The Illinois Judges Foundation will award at least one \$5000.00 scholarship, and may award runner-up scholarship(s) for \$2,500.00. The scholarship monies are paid by the IJF to the winning students' law school(s) to cover future tuition and related costs. Some law schools may award matching funds, thus increasing the value of a scholarship award. Please check with your law school to determine the amount of matching funds, if any, it will provide.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Does not have a close relative who is a judge;
- Is currently enrolled in an Illinois law school, with at least one academic year of law school remaining (incoming 1Ls not eligible);
- Has community service or *pro bono* experience; and
- Has financial need.

Applications, including essays, for the Harold Sullivan Scholarship must be received by **3:00 p.m.** Central Time on **Friday, June 28, 2024**. All materials must be sent by e-mail to scholarship.ijf@gmail.com.

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

GENERAL INFORMATION (Please type or print legibly.)

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

LOCAL ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

PREFERRED PRONOUN: (enter here): _____(he/she/they)

ACADEMIC INFORMATION Anticipated Graduation Date (check one): May 2025 May 2026
 Other date: _____

LAW SCHOOL: _____

SCHOLARSHIP SPECIFIC INFORMATION

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

Do you have a relative who is currently a judge? _____ YES _____ NO

If YES, give name, relationship, location, title and current assignment of relative:

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.

1. In a separate document, in pdf or docx format, please explain your financial need in detail. Relevant information includes a description of your awarded financial aid, scholarship/s, grant/s, your income from employment, your familial support, and any extenuating financial circumstances.
2. In a separate document, in pdf or docx format, please describe any community service or *pro bono* work you have done.
3. In a separate document in, pdf or docx format, please discuss the following issue in 750-1500 words (not including citations):

Dolly is 34 years old. Several years ago, her father, Pete, was moved to a residential care facility as the result of significant cognitive decline. Pete is no longer capable of self-care, decision-making or communication. Pete had never executed any powers of attorney, and no guardian has ever been appointed for him. Pete's wife of 40 years, Emma, has made decisions concerning Pete's care, etc., in consultation with Dolly and their other children.

Recently, Dolly used a genealogy test to explore her ancestry. The results indicated that she is likely not biologically related to Pete. Stunned by this information, Dolly wants to have further testing done on Pete's DNA. Dolly believes she is entitled to know if she is the biological offspring of Pete. If so, she wants to determine if the cause of his cognitive decline is a genetic condition that she may have inherited. Both of these questions can be answered by obtaining and testing a DNA sample from Pete.

Emma strenuously objects to the taking and testing of Pete's DNA. She believes Pete would not want the testing done, therefore, this would constitute an unwarranted invasion of his person and his privacy. Moreover, Emma can see no benefit to obtaining the result, as it would have the potential to cause a rift in her family, and to cause harm to her dignity and reputation. Finally, if the results showed both a biological relationship between Dolly and Pete, as well as a genetic cause of the dementia, Dolly could do nothing to prevent the disease. Emma files a lawsuit in the Circuit Court of DuPage County, Illinois to enjoin Dolly from taking and testing a DNA sample from Pete, or from causing someone else to do so.

Choose a side and argue, with citations to Illinois law, why Emma's request for a preliminary injunction should or should not be granted.

PUBLICATION AGREEMENT

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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.

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: _____