

**APPLICATION FOR
ILLINOIS JUDGES FOUNDATION
HAROLD SULLIVAN SCHOLARSHIP
2023**

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 June 26, 2023. 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: (Check one): ___ He ___ She ___ They

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____ May 2024 _____ May 2025 _____ Other

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):

Evelyn Eager is a licensed clinical therapist for children in the suburb of Happytown. She is also an assistant coach for the high school girls’ volleyball team.

Evelyn’s 7-year-old daughter is a member of the local Brownie Troop that is planning a weekend camping trip. Evelyn and 19 other parents submit applications to accompany the troop as chaperones. Helen Helicopter is the Brownie troop leader. Helen’s older daughter is a third-string player on the high school volleyball team.

In refusing Linda’s application to be a Brownie chaperone, Helen sends an email, and inadvertently cc’s all the other parent applicants. Helen’s email states:

Coach Eager, your application to chaperone is denied. After thorough consideration of your reputation and behavior, we concluded that your overbearing and hyper-competitive nature is incompatible with the

friendly, collaborative atmosphere we aim to promote. We do not want any of the Brownies to feel frightened or intimidated by you. Perhaps you can make cupcakes for our bake sale instead.

Based upon the email, Evelyn Eager files a Complaint against Helen Helicopter and the Brownie Troop, alleging defamation *per se*. Defendants file a Motion to Dismiss.

Discuss whether the court should grant or deny Defendants' Motion to Dismiss, with citations to relevant Illinois case law.

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.

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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, websites, reports to sponsors, and any other matter related to the Illinois Judges Foundation.

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: _____