

**APPLICATION FOR
ILLINOIS JUDGES FOUNDATION
HAROLD SULLIVAN SCHOLARSHIP
2017**

BACKGROUND

The Illinois Judges Foundation will award the Harold Sullivan Scholarship to one or more students attending an Illinois law school. Each scholarship will be for \$5,000.00. Please check with your law school to determine if it will supply matching funds because the total scholarship value will be greater where that is the case.

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

- Does not have a family member who is a judge;
- Currently is a first or second year law student at an Illinois law school;
- Has community service or *pro bono* experience;
- Has financial need.

Applications for the Harold Sullivan Scholarship must be postmarked by June 15, 2017. They must be mailed to: Illinois Judges Foundation, 321 South Plymouth Court, Chicago, Illinois 60604. No emails can be accepted. The scholarship(s) will be awarded at the annual Illinois Judges Foundation Summer Reception.

GENERAL INFORMATION

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

LOCAL ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE _____

LOCAL PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

_____ 1ST YEAR LAW STUDENT _____ 2ND YEAR LAW STUDENT

LAW SCHOOL _____

SCHOLARSHIP SPECIFIC INFORMATION

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

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

On a separate sheet of paper, please describe any community service or *pro bono* work you have done. (Please attach to this application.)

On a separate sheet of paper, please explain your financial need. (Please attach to this application.)

In 750-1500 words (not including citations), please discuss the role of the judiciary in addressing the following:

Issues Presented by Anti-Cyberbullying Statutes

According to stopbullying.gov, bullying is defined as “an unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance,” which is repeated, or is likely to be repeated over time. Moreover, stopbullying.gov defines cyberbullying as “bullying that takes place using electronic technology.” Cyberbullying can occur at any time of the day, is accessible to large audiences in a short amount of time, and has proven difficult to delete. Legislators have enacted anti-cyberbullying statutes to protect against the potential dangers, but they are often found to be unconstitutional because they infringe on one’s right to free speech. Specifically, the statutes are found to be overbroad in that the laws ban speech, *not* just conduct, and do not pass strict scrutiny. Can a balance be struck between protecting one’s right to free speech while also protecting children from online bullying? In support of your answer, describe the way in which the balance can or cannot occur.

As a start for your research, you may wish to read the North Carolina Supreme Court decision in *State v. Bishop*, 368 N.C. 869, 787 S.E.2d 814 (2016).

(Please provide your essay in typed, double-spaced, 12 point font, with one inch margins, and attach to this application.)

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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: _____