



The Illinois State Bar Association and Just The Beginning Foundation Illinois Law & Leadership Institute

Sunday, June 23, 2013 - Saturday, June 29, 2013
Hosted by Southern Illinois University School of Law

OVERVIEW

The Illinois State Bar Association and Just The Beginning Foundation invite you to apply to our 2013 ISBA/JTBF Law & Leadership Institute (LLI) at Southern Illinois University School of Law in Carbondale, Illinois.

The Law & Leadership Institute is an exciting week-long residential program designed to introduce high school students of diverse backgrounds to the legal system. We expose students to careers in the legal field, and provide them with the applicable tools necessary to achieve their educational goals. **This program is free to all participants!** Students will work closely with judges, lawyers, and law students on important legal subjects which include: legal reasoning, case analysis, writing skills and techniques, and exercises in negotiation and oral arguments. In addition, students and their parents/guardians/mentors will receive college preparatory counseling on topics such as: preparing for standardized tests, completing applications and securing financial aid.

This program is a collaborative public service initiative brought to you by the Illinois State Bar Association and Just the Beginning Foundation. JTBF has more than 20 years of experience in developing and nurturing interest in the legal field among young persons of diverse socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds. Through programs in a growing number of states, JTBF provides outreach and education initiatives to students from middle school through law school and into professional life. The ISBA has provided financial and volunteer support to sponsor students in JTBF's Chicago program, as well as create the new residential program at SIU School of Law, now in its second year.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Law & Leadership Institute (LLI) is a residential legal immersion program, taking place at Southern Illinois University School of Law. The LLI includes interactive law-related experiences such as: logical reasoning and critical thinking exercises, writing and oral advocacy workshops, instruction from guest speakers, and field trips to area law firms, corporations, government offices and courthouses. Our program embodies education and fun, plus it's **free to all participants!** We will begin Sunday, June 23, 2013 and end Saturday, June 29, 2013. On the final day we will have a closing ceremony with activities for parents and guardians.

Students who participate in the LLI will:

- Study the legal system and how it works
- Build leadership and teamwork skills
- Analyze selected cases, debate legal issues and participate in both a mock trial and an oral argument
- Learn what it takes to become a lawyer
- Develop contacts with legal professionals and organizations that provide scholarships, internships and mentors
- Gain insight into the college admissions process and learn about the various financial aid resources available

We recognize that the involvement of adult role models is critical to a student's educational success. Thus, parents/guardians/mentors will be invited to the closing ceremony on Saturday, June 29, 2013. This will help adult in the scholars' life learn the process involved in taking standardized tests, applying to college, exploring financial aid, and working toward the ultimate goal of attending law school.

LOCATION

The LLI will be based at Southern Illinois University School of Law. **Housing will be provided** on the Southern Illinois University campus, located in Carbondale, IL.

COST AND SUPERVISION

The LLI is free to students. A \$20 deposit is required to reserve a spot in the program and will be returned on the student's arrival for camp. The deposit may be waived if it presents a hardship. Housing, food, and transportation during the program will be provided. Parents are

encouraged to transport students to Southern Illinois University on the first day of the program and home on the final day of the program. If transportation presents a hardship for you, please contact Laura Ramsey at 312-258-4868 to discuss available options.

Law students will supervise participants during the day and evening activities, and will remain with the students overnight. Students are required to arrive at Southern Illinois University Campus in Carbondale, Illinois, on Sunday, June 23, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. for registration. A parent or guardian is required to attend the final session of the program on Saturday, June 29, at 10:30 a.m. and to provide the student with transportation home. Alternate pick up and drop off times, and parent or guardian visits during the program **CANNOT** be accommodated. Phone contact is possible during the program, but may be limited at times during the program day. Please contact 312-258-4868 with any questions.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The LLI is open to students who will be high school freshman, sophomores or juniors in the fall of 2013. Enrollment is limited to 30 students. To apply, students must submit each of the following:

1. **Completed Application Form** (Pages 4-5 of this document)
2. **Completed Letter Of Recommendation Form** (Page 6 of this document) or a Separate Letter of Recommendation
3. **Statement Of Interest.** On a separate piece of paper, please submit a typewritten essay of no more than 300 words. Tell us about yourself and discuss why you would like to participate in this program. Be sure to include your full name on the statement.
4. **Copy Of Your Current Transcript**
5. **\$20 deposit (cash or check accepted) to hold a slot in the program. Deposit returned upon student's arrival for camp. Please include a short explanation if this deposit presents a hardship and the requirement may be waived.**

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED. ADMISSIONS ARE ROLLING AND WILL CLOSE WHEN ALL PROGRAM SLOTS ARE FILLED.

Completed application packets should be sent to:

By email: lramsey@jtbf.org

By mail: Laura Ramsey

Program Director, Just The Beginning Foundation
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 6600
Chicago, IL 60606

For further information, call Laura at 312-258-4868 or visit www.jtbf.org or www.isba.org.

APPLICATION FORM

Please type or print clearly, using black or blue ink.

Name Print or type responses in the text boxes below the questions. For example, type your name here.		
Home Address 		
City, State, Zip Code 		
Home Phone Number 	Cell Phone Number 	E-mail Address
Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth (Month, Day, Year) 	Year In School
High School 		
High School Address 		

The following questions will be saved anonymously and used for demographic purposes only:

<p>Ethnic Identity (check one):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Asian</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Latino / Hispanic</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> White</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>	<p>Are you eligible to receive free or reduced-cost school lunch?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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How did you find out about the Law & Leadership Institute?

Parent/Guardian Name(s)

Home Phone Number

Work Phone Number

Cell Phone Number

Parent/Guardian Signature (please sign above)

Date

If selected to participate, I agree to arrive on Sunday, June 23rd, and to attend all program sessions except in the case of an emergency.

Student Signature

Date

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant: Please give this form to a teacher, counselor, pastor, employer, etc. to complete. You may NOT be recommended by a relative. Your recommender may also submit a letter of recommendation instead of this form.

Recommender: The applicant is applying for a position in the ISBA/JTBF Law and Leadership Institute, which is a one-week residential program designed to introduce high school students of diverse backgrounds to the legal system, expose them to careers in the legal field, and provide them with practical tools necessary to achieve their educational goals. Your recommendation will help determine which applicants will derive the greatest benefits from the program. We are looking for bright and highly motivated students who have already expressed interest in the law. Also, students who might not be currently working up to their potential, but could be energized by the opportunity to learn about the law, develop leadership skills, and dream about where an advanced education can take them.

Applicant's Name:

Your Name and Title:

Address and phone number where you can be reached:

Relationship to the applicant:

How long have you known the applicant:

Why do you believe the applicant should be selected to participate in the Law & Leadership Institute?

(Attach a separate page if more space is needed)