

# V&E Scholarship Application

Diversity and inclusion are core values at Vinson & Elkins. Since our success ultimately depends on developing exceptional legal talent, Vinson & Elkins is committed to attracting and retaining the finest lawyers from all backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. To that end, Vinson & Elkins is pleased to continue offering its V&E Scholarship. The scholarship provides \$10,000, in four \$2,500 installments, paid at the beginning of each year of college for four years, to high school seniors from historically underrepresented groups in the legal profession. The scholarship also provides reimbursement for the LSAT and offers the V&E Scholars the opportunity to be considered for V&E summer internships in the Austin, Dallas, or Houston office during the summers of their undergraduate studies.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

To be eligible to become a Vinson & Elkins Scholar, students must attend and be in good standing at a high school accredited by the Texas Education Agency. The high school must also be located in the greater Austin, Dallas, or Houston area. Only high school seniors may apply. Eligible students must (i) be a member of a racial/ethnic group which has been historically underrepresented in the legal profession (i.e. Asian, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Multiracial, and Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander), (ii) have a strong high school record, (iii) demonstrate interest in working in a law firm setting, (iv) have a financial need, (v) be in the top 20% of their class, (vi) have a minimum of 1650 SAT combined score or a minimum of 24 ACT score, (vii) have a valid Social Security Number, and (viii) have a US Citizenship or Residency in Austin, Dallas, or Houston and surrounding areas for contiguous seven years. Applications will be accepted through April 1, 2012. A selection panel will evaluate all completed applications and announce the scholarship recipients in May 2012.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender (optional): Female Male

Mother's/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Race/Ethnicity (optional):  Asian  American Indian/Alaskan Native  Black/African American  Hispanic/Latino  
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  Multiracial

Are you a U.S. citizen or otherwise authorized to work in the United States?  Yes  No  
 If no, residency in, Austin, Dallas, Houston and surrounding areas for six years?  Yes  No

Test Scores from your most recent test:

**SAT:** Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Math: \_\_\_\_\_ Writing: \_\_\_\_\_ Composite: \_\_\_\_\_  
**ACT:** Composite: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Other:** Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of high school from which you are graduating: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Ranking: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of diploma expected: Regular Vocational Advanced Advanced with Honors

List positions of leadership you have held and any honors and awards you have received (attach a separate page if necessary).

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**LIST YOUR MOST RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE – MOST RECENT POSITION FIRST**

<u>Employer, City</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hours Per Week</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>

Names and addresses of colleges and/or universities to which you have applied (in order of preference):

College (1<sup>st</sup> Choice):

Have you been accepted?     Yes     No     Have not heard  
 Do you plan to enroll?     Yes     No     Undecided

College (2<sup>nd</sup> Choice):

Have you been accepted?     Yes     No     Have not heard  
 Do you plan to enroll?     Yes     No     Undecided

College (3<sup>rd</sup> Choice):

Have you been accepted?     Yes     No     Have not heard  
 Do you plan to enroll?     Yes     No     Undecided

List all scholarships, fellowships, loans, assistance from parents, and other sources of money you will receive during the period from September 2012 through May 2013.

Please indicate the amount of money you will receive from each source.  
 Source of Funds

_____	\$
_____	\$
_____	\$
_____	\$

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Provide information on your projected costs:

	Per Semester	Annually
<b>Tuition</b>	\$	\$
<b>Books, Supplies</b>	\$	\$
<b>Room and Board</b>	\$	\$
<b>Other (travel, misc.)</b>	\$	\$

Will you live at home or with relatives? Yes  No

Have you applied to an Office of Student Financial Aid for 2012-2013 academic year? Yes  No

Student lives with (check all that applies): Mother  Father  Stepmother  Stepfather  Other\*  \*List relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's/Guardian's occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's/Guardian's occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 2011 Annual Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2011 Annual Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Application requirements:

- Completed application form
- An essay (1000-1500 words) discussing your career goals. Mention any extracurricular and community activities that demonstrate your interest in pursuing a legal career.
- An official transcript of your high school courses completed to date.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation. These letters must come from a teacher in whose classes you were enrolled within the past year or from a guidance counselor at your school.
- A recent photograph of yourself.
- Copies of applications for financial aid if you checked "YES" on page 1 under the Financial Information section. These are applications to the Office of Student Financial Aid for the 2012-2013 academic year as noted under the Financial Information section.

Completed applications should be submitted in hard copy format. No applications will be accepted by email or fax. Please mail submissions to:

**Vinson & Elkins LLP Scholarship Foundation**  
**Talent Management**  
**First City Tower, 1001 Fannin Street, Suite 2500**  
**Houston, TX 77002-6760**

**Completed applications must be received on or before April 1, 2012.**

*I certify that the information on this application is true and complete and that the statement attached to this application is my original work. I authorize the university or other institution of higher education I plan to attend to release relevant educational record information to the Vinson & Elkins LLP Scholarship Foundation. I authorize Vinson & Elkins LLP Scholarship Foundation to use my name and other relevant information in press releases and other public informational pieces about the Vinson & Elkins LLP Scholarship Foundation Program.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant's Signature

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 Applicant's Printed Name

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 Date

*For almost a century, Vinson & Elkins' best-in-class lawyers have provided solid legal support and top-tier service to corporate clients in diverse industries. With more than 780 lawyers in 15 offices in financial centers, energy hubs, and political capitals across the globe, V&E's vast resources can be mobilized rapidly, seamlessly, and efficiently to provide strategic counsel on complex transactional, regulatory, and dispute resolution matters.*

*Vinson & Elkins is recognized as a national, top-tier law firm in the 2010 U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firm" rankings. In addition, V&E was named among the 2011 "The 20 Best Law Firms for Diversity" on Vault's annual list, among the 2011 "Top 50 Best Law Firms for Women," according to NAFE/Working Mother Magazine, and among the top 100 law firms for diversity, according to both the Multicultural Law and Minority Law Journal.*