



2017 American Justice Scholarship Application Guidelines

DEADLINE: March 17, 2017 (Applications must be postmarked on or before this date.)

As part of the Washington State Association for Justice's (WSAJ) commitment to foster an awareness and understanding of the important role that the civil justice system plays in our society, WSAJ sponsors an annual statewide student essay and video scholarship program. For 2017, WSAJ will award two, \$3,500 scholarships, one to an essayist and one to a videographer. The video scholarship winner's piece will be posted on WSAJ's Facebook and Twitter accounts, and may be aired on TV.

This scholarship is available to high school seniors who are residents attending high school in Washington state. Students need not attend a Washington college, but must start college within the next two years to receive the funds. *If you have questions about the prompt or the practice of law, please contact anita@washingtonjustice.org and we will connect you with an attorney to answer your questions.*

The prompt for both scholarships is:

Forced arbitration clauses in consumer contracts: How do they affect us?

Essay option: Write a 700-800 word essay on this subject.

Video option: Create a video of no more than 60 seconds in length on this subject in the format of a Public Service Announcement, as well as writing a 300-400 word summary on this subject and the inspiration for the video. The video must be uploaded on YouTube or Vimeo and the link shared with the scholarship committee. *Note: WSAJ reserves the right to make the winning video available to the general public. By submitting a video, you grant WSAJ a royalty-free license to copy, distribute, modify, display and perform publicly and otherwise use and authorize others to use your video for any purpose. You also guarantee that no other person, corporation or organization has a copyright interest in your video.*

Mail to: Anita Yandle, WSAJ American Justice Scholarship, 1809 7th Ave. #1500, Seattle, WA 98101 OR email (PDFs and Word Docs only, please) to anita@washingtonjustice.org.

Questions? Call Anita Yandle at 206-464-1011 or email anita@washingtonjustice.org.

Scholarship awards will be made directly to the recipient's chosen institution of higher learning, to be applied toward tuition, room, board, or fees. By accepting funds from the WSAJ Scholarship Program, the recipient agrees that WSAJ may use the recipient's name and likeness in any and all media for the purpose of advertising and promoting the American Justice Scholarship Program without any limitation, further compensation, or notice to the recipient.

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2017 American Justice Scholarship Checklist

Name: _____

Email: _____

High School: _____

I am applying for the 2017 American Justice Scholarship. I have carefully reviewed the application requirements as outlined in "2017 American Justice Scholarship Application Guidelines" and understand that if all of the following requirements have not been met, my application will not be considered (please check when complete):

- I am a high school senior in Washington state.
- My essay/video thoroughly addresses the prompt:
Forced arbitration clauses in consumer contracts: How do they affect us?
- I have included a cover letter with my name, address, phone number, email, high school name, school address, and a unique video/essay title.
- If emailed, my application is in either PDF or Word Document format.
- I have enclosed the application checklist.

Video Scholarship Applicants Only:

- My video is 45-60 seconds.
- I have included a link to my video on either YouTube or Vimeo. (Must not be password hidden. Unlisted is fine.)
- My video is my own original creation, contains no copyrighted music, video, logos, or images, and does not infringe on any third party rights.
- I have included a 300-400 word summary supplementary to the video that follows the formatting guidelines of the essay scholarship.
- By submitting this video, I grant WSAJ a royalty-free license to copy, distribute, modify, display and perform publicly and otherwise use and authorize others to use my video for any purpose. By submitting a video, I guarantee that no other person, corporation or organization has a copyright interest in this video.

Essay Scholarship Applicants Only:

- My essay is 700-800 words, not including citations to any research.
- My essay is in 11 or 12-point font, and in Calibri, Arial, Times, or Helvetica font.
- My essay has one inch margins.

Applicant Signature: _____

Mail this checklist with your application to:

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