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## **Student Application**

### **Deadline for applications is**

### **November 4, 2009**

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and program space is limited.  
**DON'T WAIT UNTIL LATER, APPLY NOW!**

### **Requirements**

- Must be a high school student.
- Must be available on both November 20 and November 21 (Friday & Saturday).
- Must complete the application with parent/guardian signature.
- Must be willing to participate in a year-long mentor program.
- Must be willing to learn about a potential career in law.

**There is no cost to participate in this program.**

#### Application Checklist

**Applications must include ALL of the materials below to be accepted for review.**

- Student Application Form
- Signed Parent/Guardian Permission Form
- Parent/Guardian Workshop RSVP Form

# FUTURE OF THE LAW INSTITUTE

Student Application

November 20 and November 21, 2009

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Which high school do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your expected graduation date? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent (s) or Guardian(s)'s Name \_\_\_\_\_

**If Different From Above:**

Parent (s) or Guardian(s)'s Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) or Guardian(s)'s Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have regular access to the internet? Yes ( ) No ( )

**Optional:**

Describe your ethnic background (Check all that applies): African-American ( ) White ( )

Hispanic/Latino ( ) Asian-American/Pacific Islander ( ) Native-American ( )

Other ( ) Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male ( ) Female ( )

Do you have any special needs that require accommodations? Yes ( ) No ( )

If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note:** If you are accepted into the Future of the Law Institute, you and other students accepted from your school will share two or three mentors assigned by the Institute. Your mentors are judges, lawyers, law students or paralegals who will meet with you and other students from your school **3-4** times throughout the school year to help you learn more about the legal profession. Some of the meetings include off campus visits to a law firm, a courthouse, and other law-related venues. **Students who agree to fully participate in the year-long mentor program will have priority in the selection process.**

**Do you commit to participating in the Mentor Program? Yes ( ) No ( )**

**In the space provided, please answer the following questions:**

Please tell us why you are interested in participating in the Future of the Law Institute.

What type of careers interest you?

What do you feel are the most important issues facing young people today? Why?

Please list and describe any hobbies, interests, part-time employment, or other pursuits you may have.

What message would you like to send to your future FLI mentor?

## MATERIALS FOR PARENTS and GUARDIANS



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We represent the legal profession in King County, and we want your student to have the greatest opportunity possible to go to college and then on to law school.

Law school is the gateway to some of our community's most exciting and rewarding careers. We need more—many more!—law students of various backgrounds and ethnicities who go on to become judges and attorneys who bring their unique knowledge and experience to bear on issues of extreme importance to all of us.

We hope that your child will apply to attend our Future of the Law Institute, on Friday and Saturday, November 20 and November 21, at the Seattle University and University of Washington Law Schools. **If your student is selected, we hope you will mark it on your calendar and that you will plan to attend a special workshop we've planned for parents and guardians.** We will focus on the process of getting to college and getting the money needed to go to college.

These are the first stages of getting on the road to law school, or whatever career your young person wants to aim for. The rest of the parent workshop will be about opportunities for minorities in law school and minorities in the law profession, and about the mentor program your student will participate in during the year (see the attached Mentor Program Q&A sheet for more information on this opportunity).

If you have questions about the Future of the Law Institute, we hope you will call Chris Cates at (206) 267-7034, or email him at [chrisc@kcba.org](mailto:chrisc@kcba.org).

Sincerely,

Eric Hougan  
Parent Workshop Facilitator  
Future of the Law Institute

# Parent Permission Form

I, (Parent's name) \_\_\_\_\_ am the parent/guardian of (Student's name) \_\_\_\_\_, and hereby consent to allow him/her to participate in King County Bar Foundation's (KCBF) Future of the Law Institute, to be held November 20 and Novmeber 21 at Seattle University and University of Washington Schools of Law and the King County Courthouse in Seattle, Washington. I authorize a responsible adult associated with this Institute to provide transportation for my child if necessary. I further agree that if necessary, I will make arrangements to provide alternate transportation for my child to return to and from the Institute. I agree that the participation of my child in this Institute will NOT subject King County Bar Foundation or the Future of the Law Institute to liability.

I agree to allow KCBF to record my child's voice, take his/her photograph, film or video his/her image while participating in the Future of the Law Institute, for promotional, training, educational or publicity purposes. Such recordings and images shall remain the property of KCBF, and KCBF may use them on local and national television, newspapers, flyers, brochures, posters, magazines, web sites, E-mail or any other distribution source, without obtaining my additional or specific consent or approval, and without having to provide me compensation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone Number

Please sign below if you also consent to allow your child to participate in the Future of the Law Institute Mentor Program. I agree that the participation of my child in this program will NOT subject King County Bar Foundation or the Future of the Law Institute to liability.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## PARENT AND GUARDIAN WORKSHOP RSVP FORM

The Future of the Law Institute Parent and Guardian Workshop will take place **9:00 AM – 11:25 AM November 21, 2009** at the University of Washington School of Law. The workshop will feature the following:

- A discussion with admissions representatives from University of Washington, Seattle University, and the Community College system.
- A presentation and question and answer session with the Northwest Education Loan Association focused on strategies for paying for college.
- A candid discussion on what it takes to get from high school to law school, and the challenges and opportunities for ethnic minority students along the way.
- An opportunity to meet with the mentors your child will be connected with during the school year.
- Catered lunch.

If you RSVP to attend, a representative from the Future of the Law Institute will contact you to answer any questions about the program.

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**Parents and Guardians**  
**PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION OF THE RSVP FORM**  
**WITH YOUR STUDENT'S APPLICATION**

**YES** – I will attend the Future of the Law Institute Parent Workshop on November 21, 2009

**NO** – I can't attend the Future of the Law Institute Parent Workshop

Your Name(S): \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (optional): \_\_\_\_\_



## **FLI schedule of events for 2009/2010**

**November 20, 2009 – Day 1 of FLI Institute.** 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM at the Seattle University School of Law and Downtown King County Courthouse.

Schedule:

- Breakfast and Welcome from Dean of the Seattle University School of Law
- Introduction to the Role of Law
- Career Opportunities in the Law Panel
- Lunch with King County Judges
- Sentencing Hearing Viewing and Discussion

**November 21, 2009 – Day 2 of FLI Institute.** 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM at the University of Washington School of Law

Schedule:

- Breakfast and Welcome from Dean of the University of Washington School of Law
- Law Workshops
- Parent Workshop
- Lunch and Introduction to FLI Mentors
- Mock Trial

**January 2010 – Mentor group visit to law firm or law school – dates TBA**

**February 2010 – High school visit and workshops – dates TBA**

**March 2010 – High school visit and workshops – dates TBA**

**May 2010 – End of year barbecue awards ceremony – date TBA**

All FLI participants, mentors, parents, and supporters are invited to celebrate the end of the formal FLI program year, receive certificates of completion and other awards for participating in the program.

**July – August 2010 – FLI Summer Internship Program (applications distributed in April, competitive internship opportunity for 4-7 FLI students)**



## **FOR PARENTS and GUARDIANS**

### **The Future of the Law Institute (FLI) Mentor Program**

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: Who are FLI mentors?**

A: FLI mentors are local attorneys, judges, law students and paralegals committed to increasing ethnic minority representation in the legal profession. FLI mentors want to share resources and offer practical advice on pursuing a career in law with your child.

**Q: What does participating in the FLI mentor program require from you and your child?**

A: Your child will be placed in a group of students from his/her school that will meet with a team of mentors **3-4 times** over the school year.

The first meeting takes place at the FLI Two-Day Institute, when the group meets and eats lunch with their mentors. You will meet your child's mentors as well, if you attend the Two-Day Institute.

The second meeting takes place in January, when the group either visits a mentor's law firm or tours a law school.

The third meeting occurs in February or March, when the Mentors visit the students school and conduct interview, essay writing, and financial aid workshops.

The fourth meeting is an end of year celebration barbecue and awards ceremony with all FLI participants, parents, teachers, and mentors invited to celebrate, in May.

- Note – participation in the FLI Mentor Program requires your child to miss part or all of a minimum of **three days** of school between November 20 and the end of the academic year.

FLI staff will work with your child's school to arrange dismissals from class to attend mentor meetings. *However, we rely on you to make sure your child participates in the mentor program. If your child is accepted into FLI and agrees to participate in the mentor program, he/she is expected to attend all meetings to the best of his/her ability.*

**Q: What will my child get out of the FLI mentor program?**

A: Your child will have the opportunity to see first-hand what a career in law can be like, and get advice on what it takes to get there from dedicated mentors. Students who participate in FLI may be eligible for \$500 college scholarships and \$1,000 law school scholarships. Finally, students fully participating in the mentor program may be eligible for summer internship opportunities with judges and law firms.

**Q: How are FLI mentors selected?**

A: All FLI mentors must go through an application process to determine their commitment to the program, and ability to provide a positive experience for your child. Many FLI mentors are past recipients of Diversity Scholarships from the King County Bar Foundation, and many others are members of local Minority Bar Associations, like the Asian Bar Association of Washington and the Loren Miller Bar Association (African American Bar).

**Q: How does FLI enforce safety in the mentor program?**

A: FLI's mentor program uses a "cluster" system to ensure that students and mentors are always together in groups when participating in mentor program events. Additionally, a chaperone from your child's school will attend the mentor events with students. Mentors and students wishing to pursue individualized e-mail/phone mentoring or meetings outside of the sanctioned group events must make arrangements with parents, the Future of the Law Institute, and school officials. All FLI mentors attend a training program that includes guidelines for mentoring and adherence to the law.

Questions?

Write or call Chris Cates, Future of the Law Program Manager at  
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