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## THE VIC & OBY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

As a child of immigrants, Attorney Ral Obioha understands the hardships immigrants and refugees face in their quest to make a better life for their families and adjust to life in the United States. As such, as an Ode to her parents, Victor and Oby, who had the foresight to immigrate her to the United States, The Law Office of Ral Obioha, PLLC is committed to inspiring and empowering students who are immigrants, have immigrant parents, or who aspire to pursue career paths that focus on improving the lives of immigrants in America. It is our goal to honor the contributions of immigrants and children of immigrants to the United States.

Under the Vic & Oby Scholarship fund, The Law Office of Ral Obioha, PLLC provides financial awards to low-income immigrant college and graduate students who live and/or attend school in any state in the United States. We provide an annual scholarship of up to \$3,500 to cover tuition and other expenses for selected college and/or law school students.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Recipients are selected for their academic excellence, financial need, and community impact.

In order to be eligible for the Vic & Oby scholarship, an applicant must:

- Be Foreign-born or have foreign-born parents
- Be accepted into, or is enrolled in, an accredited College, University or Law School in the United States for the upcoming school year
- Have a Financial need
- Have a Minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA
- Demonstrate academic preparation and community/extracurricular involvement
- Use scholarship fund entirely for college, undergraduate or law school tuition and related expenses.

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A completed Vic & Oby Scholarship Application Form
- Proof of Identity (i.e., birth certificate, passport, permanent resident card, unexpired and valid I-94, last-issued visa, etc.)
- An acceptance letter from an accredited college, university or law school within the United States
- School transcript or Bachelor's degree and transcripts from an accredited college, with minimum unweighted and cumulative 3.0 GPA.
- Any evidence of financial need (i.e. federal tax returns, W-2 statements, medical bills, etc.)
- 1-2 page typed (double spaced) personal statement or essay. The statement of essay should discuss the positive values you have drawn from being an immigrant in the U.S. and how the Applicant intends to use those values to create a better life for themselves and/or their family.
- OPTIONAL: Proof of current immigrant status (i.e. copy of visa, birth certificate, lawful permanent resident card, or naturalization certificate)

## PROCEDURE:

1. Download and complete the Vic & Oby Scholarship Application Form
2. A counselor or principal must complete the bottom portion of the application form on the last page.
3. The applicant must submit the completed and signed application alongside supporting documents by mail to:

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OR

by email in .pdf format to [voscholarship@ralobiohalaw.com](mailto:voscholarship@ralobiohalaw.com).

The subject of the email should be "**Vic & Oby Scholarship Fund Application.**"

4. Applications will begin to be accepted on the **1<sup>st</sup> day of March.**
5. All Applications must be received no later than **the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July.**
6. A final decision will be made based on scholarship, achievement, and need. The recipient will be notified before the end of August.
7. In August, the award checks will be issued, made payable to, and mailed to the recipients' indicated college or university for his or her use.

**APPLICATION FORM**

**SECTION 1: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

NAME (First and Last): \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State and Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the above address your mailing address?     Yes     No

If no, please provide your address in the "Additional Information" box below

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current status?     U.S. citizen     Green Card holder     F-1 Student  
 J-1 Student     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 2: ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

Provide information on each school/institution you have attended, including high schools, colleges or universities, with addresses, dates attended, degrees/diplomas awarded, and major as appropriate, for each school/institution. ***Use additional paper if necessary.***

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

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

City, State and Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

City, State and Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any honors, awards or recognition you have received: **Use additional paper if necessary.**

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For purposes of this scholarship, please provide information about the school/institution you plan to attend or are attending:

Name of institution: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State and Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Expected: \_\_\_\_\_

Upcoming Semester:  Fall  Spring  Summer GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION 3: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Do you have a part-time job?  Yes  No

How much do you expect to have saved by next semester? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

What is the total amount, if any, you will receive from Social security, vocational rehabilitation, and/or the Veteran's administration for the next school year? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been awarded any other scholarships?  Yes  No

If so, accurately list the amount awarded for next school year. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Provide any other information you would like us to consider: **Use additional paper if necessary.**

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**SECTION 4: ESSAY**

Submit a 1-2 page typed (double-spaced) essay describing what lessons and values you have attained from being an immigrant in the United States and how you intend to use those lessons and values impact your life and that of your family. The essay should be attached as a separate document. For complete instructions and more information, visit [www.ralbiohalaw.com](http://www.ralbiohalaw.com).

**SECTION 5: APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned scholarship applicant hereby grants permission to use his/her name and to quote his/her essay (in whole or in part) or use his/her Application (in whole or in part) in all promotional and other activities relating to the scholarship, including, but not limited to, publication in written materials, posting on websites and other social media, and use in radio and television broadcasts. In the event that a Scholarship applicant participates in any promotional or other activity relating to the Scholarship, the applicant authorizes The Law Office of Ral Obioha PLLC to use, re-use, publish, re-publish, and with or without use of the applicant's name. I hereby certify that the information I have provided on this Application Form and in any attached materials is true and complete.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 6: COUNSELORS CERTIFICATION:**

***Have your current school guidance counselor or principal complete the following for you.***

Applicant ranks \_\_\_\_\_ from the top in a class of \_\_\_\_\_, with a GPA of \_\_\_\_\_/4.0.

ACT Composite Score \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Counselor or Principal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Counselor or Principal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

Send completed application and all other required materials by mail or email in .pdf format by the **15<sup>th</sup> day of July** of the application year:

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