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Attn: The Vic & Oby Scholarship Fund P.O. Box 572984, Houston, Texas 77257



1. What is the Vic & Oby scholarship?

The Vic and Oby Scholarship is a scholarship fund sponsored by The Law Office of Ral Obioha, PLLC, a primarily immigration law firm owned by Immigration Attorney Ral Obioha, a child of immigration. The scholarship fund is an Ode to her late parents, Engr. and Mrs. Victor and Oby Nwankwo, who had the foresight to settle her in the United States and continue to serve as inspiration.

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 school-related expenses for selected college, graduate, and/or law school students.

For more information, visit https://ralobiohalaw.com/the-vic-oby-scholarship-fund/.

2. How do I apply?

See application instructions for The Vic and Oby Scholarship on https://ralobiohalaw.com/the-vic-oby-scholarship-fund/

3. How do I know if I qualify?

See eligibility requirements for The Vic and Oby Scholarship on https://ralobiohalaw.com/the-vic-oby-scholarship-fund/

4. Who can complete the Counselor's Certification section of the application form?

You can have an advisor, professor, or records office staff member from your most recent degree program complete and sign the Counselor's Certification section. This can be done electronically.

5. Can I provide any substitute for completing the Counselor's Certification section of the application form?

Yes, in place of completing the Counselor's Certification section of the application form, you may submit a recommendation letter.

6. Does the signature in the Counselor's Certification section of the application form have to be original?

No, we accept scanned and electronic signatures.

7. What If I never took the ACT or SAT?

A GPA will suffice. You can leave the section for ACT scores blank.

8. What if my school does not provide ranking?

A GPA will suffice. You can leave the section for ACT scores blank.

9. How can I submit my application?

By VIA MAIL to:

The Law Office of Ral Obioha, PLLC Attn: The Vic & Oby Scholarship Fund P.O. Box 572984, Houston, Texas 77257

OR

VIA EMAIL to:

voscholarship@ralobiohalaw.com.

The email's subject should be "Vic & Oby Scholarship Fund Application.

10. How early can I apply for the Vic & Oby scholarship?

The application window for the Vic & Oby scholarship typically opens in March. The application form contains the specific date for a particular year; however, we would accept any applications submitted from March 1st.

11. When is the deadline for the application?

The deadline to submit your application is July 15th. All applications must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time on July 15th to be considered.

12. How do I receive my scholarship funds?

An awarded scholarship is paid directly to the college you designate – you don't need to worry about coordinating or transferring any funds.

13. Can I qualify for this scholarship if I take a break from school?

Yes. This scholarship is open to anyone attending an accredited college, university, or institution, regardless of age or time off.

14. Can I still apply for The Vic & Oby scholarship if my parents are immigrants and I am not an immigrant?

Yes, you may apply for the Vic & Oby scholarship if you are a child of foreign-born immigrants.

15. Do non-law-related graduate students qualify for The Vic & Oby scholarship?

Yes, the Vic & Oby scholarship is open to all undergraduate and graduate students who meet all the requirements.

16. Do I qualify for the scholarship if only one parent is foreign-born?

Yes, you are eligible for The Vic & Oby scholarship fund based on one of your parents being foreign-born.

17. My immigration/citizenship status is complicated. Can I still qualify?

Yes, you still qualify. In fact, the Vic & Oby scholarship is intended for immigrants and their families.

18. I am currently undocumented. Can I still qualify?

Yes, you still qualify. In fact, the Vic & Oby scholarship is intended for immigrants and their families. We do not discriminate based on legal status.

19. Can I still apply for The Vic & Oby scholarship if I was a previous applicant?

Yes, you can still apply and submit a new application. However, we advise that you ensure that your newly submitted documents, such as essays, are current and not duplicated from a previous submission.

20. What expenses are The Vic & Oby scholarship intended to cover?

The Vic & Oby scholarship is intended to cover tuition and school-related expenses.

21. What qualifies as "school-related" expenses?

School-related expenses are any expenses required for enrollment or attendance at an eligible academic institution. For the Vic & Oby scholarship, school-related expenses include tuition fees, student activity fees, on-campus room and board, textbooks, school supplies, and any other school-related expense billed through the institution's financial aid office.

22. Will the information I provide in my Vic & Oby scholarship form be verified?

Yes, our scholarship administrators reserve the right to contact the educational institution to conduct a verification check on an applicant.

23. Is the scholarship a merit-based scholarship or a need-based scholarship?

The Vic & Oby scholarship is both a merit-based and a need-based scholarship. We consider both merits and need in my selection process.

24. What reasons can disqualify me from being considered for The Vic & Oby scholarship?

Factors such as an incomplete application, misrepresentation, resubmission of duplicate documents from the previous application, and fraud can disqualify an application or applicant.

25. What can I do to make my application stronger?

Attributes of a robust application include:

- A well-written and personable essay
- Concise essay question answers
- Concise application and supporting documents
- Strong grades
- Strong financial need
- Timely submission of application
- An applicant who decorates identity and connection with immigrant roots

26. Can the scholarship check be sent to me personally?

No. All award checks will be issued, made payable to, and mailed to the recipients' indicated college, university or institution.

27. What if I have further questions?

Submit all further inquiries about The Vic and Oby Scholarship via email to voscholarship@ralobiohalaw.com.