

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



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 \$5,000 to cover tuition and other expenses for selected college and/or law school students.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Recipients are selected based on their academic excellence, merits, 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, Graduate School, Medical School 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*

*Required

- ✓ A completed Vic & Oby Scholarship Application Form*
- ✓ Proof of Identity*
 - *The following documents are acceptable identification documents: birth certificate, passport, permanent resident card, unexpired and valid I-94, and last-issued visa. School IDs are not acceptable for this purpose.*
- ✓ An acceptance letter from an accredited college, university, graduate school, medical school or law school within the United States*
 - *This is required only if you will be a freshman in the upcoming school year. It is not required if you're already enrolled.*
- ✓ 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
 - *Examples include federal tax returns, W-2 statements, medical bills, etc.*
- ✓ Personal statement *
 - *The Personal statement should discuss the positive values the Applicant has 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.*
 - *The Personal Statement should be typed, 1-2 pages, double-spaced, using 1" by 1" margins, and 12-point font size.*
- ✓ 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, advisor, or principal must complete and sign the bottom portion of the application form on the last page. For college and graduate students, an academic advisor or professor from the department which you majored in may also complete and this section. Electronic signatures are accepted.
3. The applicant must submit the completed and signed application alongside supporting documents:

<u>BY MAIL</u>	<u>BY EMAIL</u> to
The Law Office of Ral Obioha, PLLC Attn: The Vic & Oby Scholarship Fund P.O. Box 572984, Houston, Texas 77257	in .pdf format to: voscholarship@ralobiohalaw.com . The subject of the email should be “ Vic & Oby Scholarship Fund Application. ”

4. Applications will begin to be accepted on the **29th day of March**.
5. All Applications must be received no later than **the 15th day of July**. All applications must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time on July 15th, in order to be considered.
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, university or institution for his or her use.

APPLICATION FORM

How did you hear about the Vic & Oby Scholarship fund?

SECTION 1: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

NAME (First and Last): _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip code: _____

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: _____ Gender: _____ Prefer not to answer

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 Zip code: _____

Dates Attended (From mm/yy – To mm/yy): _____

Graduation Date (if applicable): _____ Degree Awarded: _____

Major: _____ Overall GPA: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip code: _____

Dates Attended (From mm/yy – To mm/yy): _____

Graduation Date (if applicable): _____ Degree Awarded: _____

Major: _____ Overall GPA: _____

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

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip code: _____

Start Date: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

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 total amount awarded for next school year. \$ _____

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

SECTION 4: PERSONAL STATEMENT

Submit a personal statement describing what lessons and values you have attained from being an immigrant (or child of immigrants) in the United States and how you intend to use those lessons and values impact your life and that of your family. If submitting electronically, the personal statement should be attached as a separate document. *The Personal Statement should be typed, 1-2 pages, double-spaced, in 1" by 1" document margins, and have a 12-point font size.*

For complete instructions and more information, check out our Frequently Asked Questions at <https://ralobiohalaw.com/the-vic-oby-scholarship-fund/>

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 Vic & Oby 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 a guidance counselor, academic advisor, professor in the department of your major or principal from your current or most recent institution complete and sign the following for you.

Most recent Semester GPA: _____/4.0 Most Recent Cumulative GPA: _____/4.0.

If applicable, Applicant currently (or most recently) ranks* _____ from the top in a class of _____

If you're a high school student or recent graduate:

ACT Composite Score _____ SAT Composite Score _____

Signature of Counselor/ Advisor/Principal/Professor

Telephone Number

Name of Counselor/ Advisor/Principal/Professor

Email Address

Send completed application and all other required materials by the **15th day of July** of the application year:

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