



Just The Beginning – A Pipeline Organization Springfield, MA Summer Legal Institute

July 10, 2017 – July 14, 2017
Hosted by the Western New England School of Law

The **Springfield, MA SLI (July 10, 2017 – July 14, 2017)** is a fun, educational, and interactive program hosted by the Western New England School of Law (1215 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, MA). The SLI provides high school students with exposure to legal careers, the opportunity to build legal and professional skills, and connections with judges, lawyers, and other leaders in the legal profession. The program is FREE to all students, with public transportation passes available to students who express a need. Housing is not available; students travelling from a distance further than the metro area are required to arrange for their own housing.

Students who participate in the Summer Legal Institute will:

- Study the legal system and how it works alongside attorney and judge volunteers;
- Build leadership and teamwork skills;
- Analyze selected cases, debate legal issues and participate in both a mock trial and an oral argument;
- Gain an understanding of the real-life aspects of practicing law at a law firm or corporation;
- Develop contacts with legal professionals and organizations that provide scholarships, internships and mentors; and
- Receive guidance about the college and law school admissions processes, as well as financial aid resources.*

* Parents, guardians, and mentors are strongly encouraged to attend the closing ceremony on **Friday, July 14, 2017** to learn the steps involved in helping students navigate the process of taking standardized tests, applying to college, exploring financial aid and working toward the ultimate goal of attending law school.

For further program information, call 312-258-5930 or visit www.jtb.org.

HOW TO APPLY:

The SLI is open to students who will be high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors or seniors in the Fall of 2017 and the program is FREE to all students. Enrollment is limited to 40 students. **Students may apply online OR using a paper application; please do not submit both online and in paper. Online submissions are preferred.**

To apply online, visit <https://sjidproject.wufoo.com/forms/s19kseoc0m6d127/> and include:

1. Completed answers to the questions on the online form.
2. Your statement of interest. On a separate piece of paper, please submit a paragraph telling us about yourself and discussing why you would like to participate in this program. Be sure to include your name on the statement.
3. An unofficial copy of current progress report or report card (official transcript not required).
4. A letter of recommendation from a non-family member who knows you well. The recommendation letter should include: (a) the writer's name, title and contact information; (b) the writer's relationship to the applicant; (c) the length of time the writer has known the applicant; and (d) why the writer believes the applicant should participate in the Summer Legal Institute.

To apply using a paper application, email (to kmcneely@itb.org) or mail (to Krystle McNeely, Program Director, Just The Beginning – A Pipeline Organization, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 6600, Chicago, IL 60606) the following materials:

1. Completed answers to the questions on pages 3-5 of this form.
2. Your statement of Interest. On a separate piece of paper, please submit a paragraph telling us about yourself and discussing why you would like to participate in this program. Be sure to include your name on the statement.
3. An unofficial copy of current progress report or report card (official transcript not required).
4. A letter of recommendation from a non-family member who knows you well. The recommendation letter should include: (a) the recommender's name, title and contact information; (b) the recommender's relationship to the applicant; (c) the length of time the recommender has known the applicant; and (d) why the recommender believes the applicant should participate in the Summer Legal Institute.

Apply TODAY! Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until slots are filled, we encourage you to apply as soon as possible.

**SPRINGFIELD, MA SUMMER LEGAL INSTITUTE
PAPER APPLICATION FORM**

Please type or print clearly, using black or blue ink, in the text boxes below the questions.

Student's Name		
Home Address		
City, State, Zip Code		
Home Phone Number:	Cell Phone Number:	E-mail Address:
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer	Date of Birth (Month, Day, Year):	Year In School:
High School:		
High School Address:		
How did you find out about the Summer Legal Institute?		
Parent/Guardian Name(s)		
Parent/Guardian Home Phone #	Parent/Guardian's Work Phone #	Parent/Guardian's Cell Phone #
Parent/Guardian Signature (please sign above)		Date

OPTIONAL SECONDARY CONTACT: JTB-APO will send copies of program information to an additional email or mailing address of your choice. Please include the email or mailing address of a teacher, coach or mentor who you would like to receive copies of important information.

Name
Address
City, State, Zip Code
E-mail Address:

The following questions will be saved anonymously and used for demographic purposes only:

Have you previously considered attending law school? ___Yes ___No

Do you know any lawyers or judges? ___Yes ___No

Ethnic Identity (check one):

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black or African-American
- Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish Origin
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White
- Other _____

Are you eligible to receive free or reduced-cost school lunch?

- Yes No Don't know

UNDERSTANDING OF EXPECTATIONS

If selected to participate, I agree to arrive on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 8:30am and to attend all program sessions every day thereafter, except in case of emergency.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant: Please give this form to a teacher, counselor, pastor, employer, etc. to complete. You may **NOT** be recommended by a relative. Your recommender may also submit a letter of recommendation instead of this form.

Name and Title:

Address and phone number where you can be reached:

Relationship to the applicant?

How long have you known the applicant?

Why do you believe the applicant should be selected to participate in the Summer Legal Institute?

(Attach a separate page if more space is needed)