



HNBF Future Latino Leaders Summer Law Institute

Essay Topics and Requirements

In selecting students for the Future Latino Leaders Summer Law Institute, the HNBF requires each applicant to submit two essays. On separate sheets of paper, please respond to the following essay questions and include them with your application. Please take the time to prepare a strong essay that reflects your ability to organize and express your thoughts clearly. You must include your name on each of your essays and you **MUST RESPOND** to TWO of the following FOUR prompts:

Prompt #1

Discuss your perceptions of the legal boundaries of free speech online, considering any of the following: the potential harm of misinformation and its impact on Latinx communities; the legal protections for student expression and the potential for bias in content moderation; cultural identity and online presence of Hispanic students. You may also propose a solution or call to action that empowers Latinx youth to navigate the digital landscape

Prompt #2

The Supreme Court's recent decision regarding affirmative action has ignited a national conversation about equality, opportunity, and the role of race in college admissions. As a high school student, how do you see this decision impacting your own educational aspirations and the future of diversity in higher education?

Prompt #3

Share a story from your life that demonstrates resilience in the face of challenges. How has this experience shaped your understanding of justice and equity, and why has it motivated you to pursue a career in law? Discuss how you plan to use your legal education to advocate for others and contribute to building a more resilient and equitable society.

Prompt 4:

Explore the complexities and strengths of being a Hispanic individual navigating the legal system and profession. As a suggestion, you can answer through any of the following topics: describe a legal challenge faced by you or a member of your family and how it influenced your interest in the law; share how you would draw on your heritage to inform your legal practice; discuss a Hispanic lawyer who inspires you; discuss barriers facing the Latinx community in the legal system and specific ways you would address them.

Required Format: Font-size: 12; Times New Roman; Double-spaced; Minimum 1 page, maximum 2 pages per essay question.