



USJ Program Application for September 2016 through June 2017

Please send your applications as soon as possible to secure placement in the program.

Please send applications via e-mail to contact@u4sj.org or via mail to the address above.

United for Social Justice (USJ) is a non-profit organization committed to enabling first generation minority high school students to go to college. **Our programs are free to our students.**

Students accepted into the program will benefit from:

1. **Road to College Workshop Program:** Interactive monthly workshops facilitated by professionals and experts from local universities on subjects such as: finding scholarships, college loans and financial literacy, writing your college essay, developing a strong resume, choosing a college, college admissions, and SAT prep.
2. **Mentoring Program:** Monthly one-on-one mentoring sessions where students have the opportunity to receive tutoring from a college student or graduate in academics and the college application process.
3. **USJ Scholarship Opportunity** (for USJ seniors only): Every year USJ awards scholarships to selected senior students who have attended USJ events, embody USJ's spirit, and apply for the scholarship.
4. **A College Visit:** Our students will have the opportunity to tour a local university's campus and experience college life for one day.
5. **A support network:** Our group of students will feel a sense of family in our programs through the individualized attention and guidance they will receive from the board members, the facilitators, their mentors, and their peers. Many of our students have called USJ a "familia" or family because we also create recreational activities for our students to bond (picnic, soccer tournament), we follow-up with the students' progress, and we provide students with additional scholarship, program, and internship information.

Program Requirements:

1. A high school student who completes and submits the enclosed application. Our program caters to juniors and seniors, but freshmen and sophomores are welcome to start preparing for college early by joining our program.
2. Students are encouraged to attend a USJ informational session in August or September with at least one parent or guardian before the first USJ workshop.
3. Commitment to attend and actively participate in all monthly USJ workshops and mentoring sessions and recreational activities throughout the school year.



STUDENT INFORMATION

Last name _____ First name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Best Contact # _____ Best E-mail address _____

Dietary restrictions _____ High School: _____

Grade _____ GPA _____ Highest SAT Scores _____

List all activities and college-bound programs you plan to be a part of during the 2016-2017 school year:

By signing below, I make a commitment to attend the USJ monthly workshops and mentoring sessions and be active in all USJ's activities. I understand that my parents need to provide my transportation to attend the workshops and recreational activities. I also understand that USJ, its board members, mentors, and volunteers are not responsible for any injuries or accidents I may incur during the meetings or events.

Applicant's signature _____

Date _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

How did you hear about USJ?

Please tell us why you would like to be part of USJ and/or what you would like USJ to help you with?

Why do you want to go to college?



PARENT/GUARDIAN 1 INFORMATION

Last name _____ First name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ zip code _____

Cell phone _____ Home Tel. No. _____

E-mail address _____ Highest level of education completed _____

Did you attend college in the U.S. (circle an answer): Yes No If yes, where? _____

Occupation _____ Name of Employer _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN 2 INFORMATION

Last name _____ First name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ zip code _____

Cell phone _____ Home Tel. No. _____

E-mail address _____ Highest level of education completed _____

Did you attend college in the U.S. (circle an answer): Yes No If yes, where? _____

Occupation _____ Name of Employer _____

As a parent/guardian(s), I hereby sign this document as an agreement to encourage my child in being active in all USJ activities. I also understand that I will need to provide transportation to my child to attend the workshops and recreational activities. I understand that USJ, its board members, mentors, and volunteers are not responsible for any injuries or accidents my child may have during the meetings or events.

Parent/guardian 1:

Last name _____ First name _____

Parent/guardian's signature

Date

Parent/guardian 2 (if applicable):

Last name _____ First name _____

Parent/guardian's signature

Date



**Photo Release Waiver
Authorization and Release**

I hereby grant permission to United for Social Justice (hereinafter “USJ”), and its officers, board members, students, representatives, successors, to photograph my image, likeness, or depiction and/or that of my minor children (if applicable). I hereby grant permission to USJ to edit, crop, or retouch such photographs, and waive any right to inspect the final photographs. I hereby consent to and permit photographs of me and/or those of my minor children to be used by USJ worldwide for any purpose, including educational and advertisement purposes, and in any medium, including print and electronic. I understand that USJ may use such photographs with or without associating names thereto. I further waive any claim for compensation of any kind for the USJ's use or publication of photographs of me and/or those of my minor children (if applicable).

I hereby fully and forever discharge and release USJ from any claim for damages of any kind (including, but not limited to, invasion of privacy; defamation; false light or misappropriation of name, likeness or image) arising out of the use or publication of photographs of me and/or those of my minor children (if applicable) by USJ, and covenant and agree not to sue or otherwise initiate legal proceedings against USJ for such use or publication on my own behalf or on behalf of my minor children. All grants of permission and consent, and all covenants, agreements and understandings contained herein are irrevocable.

I acknowledge and represent that I am over the age of 18, have read this entire document, that I understand its terms and provisions, and that I have signed it knowingly and voluntarily on behalf of myself and/or my minor children (if applicable).

If you are **over** 18 please sign here

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Applicant's printed name	Applicant's signature	Date

If you are **under** 18, one of your parent/guardian(s) must sign

_____	_____	_____
Parent/guardian's printed name	Parent/guardian's signature	Date

_____	_____	_____
Parent/guardian's printed name	Parent/guardian's signature	Date