



USJ Program Application for October 2020 through June 2021

Please note that all our programs will be online at least until November and students will be expected to join us via zoom only. If we resume our programs in a physical space, when it is safe according to CDC regulations, students will be expected to provide their own transportation to our events.

United for Social Justice (USJ) is a non-profit organization. For the past 11 years, USJ has helped hundreds of first-generation students achieve their dream of higher education. **Our programs are free to our students.**

Students accepted into the USJ program will benefit from:

1. **Road to College Workshop Program:** Interactive 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, STEM 101, College 101, career panel, self advocacy, choosing a college, college admissions, and more.
2. **Mentoring Program:** one-on-one mentoring where students can receive mentoring from a college student or a professional in academics and the college application process.
3. **USJ Scholarship Opportunity** (for USJ seniors only): Every year USJ awards scholarship money to selected seniors who have attended USJ events, embody USJ's spirit, and apply for the scholarship.
4. **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/community activities for our students to bond (soccer tournament and team building activities), we follow-up on the students' progress, and we provide students with additional scholarship, program, and internship information.

Students accepted into the program are expected to:

1. Be in 11th or 12th grade in any high school and submit the enclosed application. Sophomores and freshmen will be accepted as well, but please keep in mind our program is designed for juniors and seniors.
2. Commit to attend and actively participate in all monthly USJ events throughout the school year.
3. Be responsive to our emails and evite requests for USJ events and to communication from his/her/their mentor.



How to file an application to our program:

- ⇒ Complete the entire application, sign it, and obtain your parent(s) or guardian(s) signature(s). If something does not apply to you, please add an N/A. Please note we do not accept electronic signatures for this application. We need the wet ink signatures to be scanned to us.
- ⇒ Once you have completed each page of the application, please scan the entire application as **one document** and send it to us via email to contact@u4sj.org. If you do not have a scanner, please download applications to your phone that allow you to scan through your phone such as Adobe Scan or Genius. **We will not accept paper applications.**
- ⇒ **USJ APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENSION:** The application should be submitted **as soon as possible, but no later than November 30, 2020**. The sooner you submit your application, the sooner you start receiving information on scholarships and internships.

Student Information:

Last name(s) _____ First name _____

Home Address _____

Cell phone _____ Home Tel. No. _____

E-mail address (**not** an email created by your school) _____

Name of your high school _____ Class in 2020-21 (11th, 12th...) _____

GPA _____ Highest SAT Scores _____

List your dietary restrictions, if any? _____

List all activities and college-bound programs you plan to be a part of during the 2020-21 school year: _____

By signing below, I confirm that I have read and understood the above descriptions on program benefits, expectations, and how to submit this application to USJ. 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. Finally, I also commit to my goal of higher education and to attend all USJ events.

Applicant's full name: _____ Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

How did you hear about USJ?

Please tell us why you would like to be part of USJ.

What three things do you **need** from a mentor?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Why do you want to go to college?

Do you know what career you are interested in pursuing in college? If so, please let us know. (It is okay if you do not know or if you are interested in multiple).

List three of your strengths as a student.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

List three of your weaknesses or things you want to improve on as a student.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Do you have a computer at home?

Do you have internet access at home?

If yes, how would you rate your internet service (bad, good, excellent)?

Do you have difficulty staying engaged while receiving a lecture or mentoring online?

What are some things that help you stay engaged while learning online?

Do you plan to work during the 2020-21 school year? If yes, what are your work hours?



PARENT/GUARDIAN 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, if and when the program resumes meeting in a physical space. 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:

Last name _____ First name _____

Parent/guardian's signature Date

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Parent/guardian's signature

Date

Authorization and Release

I hereby grant permission to United for Social Justice (hereinafter "USJ"), and its officers, board members, mentors, 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

Applicant's printed name

Applicant's signature

Date

If you are **under** 18, at least 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