



## Justamere Scholars VIISTA Scholarship Application

The Justamere Foundation is pleased to offer limited scholarships to financially support passionate champions of immigrant justice to enroll in Villanova's Interdisciplinary Immigration Studies Training for Advocates (VIISTA) program for the Summer 2024 Semester.

### Who is Eligible?

The Justamere Foundation Scholarship will support students (Justamere Scholars) with limited economic means who are bilingual and bicultural in Southeastern Pennsylvania who are interested in immigrant accompaniment and potential career pathways as Accredited Representatives through a Department of Justice (DOJ) Approved Organization.

### Scholarship Guidelines

Scholarships are awarded to first time, new VIISTA students. Students who have prior or current enrollment in VIISTA are not eligible.

Applicants must live within one of the following 10 counties in Pennsylvania:

Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, and Philadelphia.

Each scholarship award covers tuition, fees, and material costs for Modules 1, 2 and 3. Students have until the end of Summer 2025 term to successfully complete all 3 modules. Scholarship recipients must pass all courses with a grade of C or higher in order to maintain the scholarship award.

*Please fill out the form below and write an essay according to the following prompt, then email [both](mailto:cps.info@villanova.edu) to [cps.info@villanova.edu](mailto:cps.info@villanova.edu)*

*For consideration, all scholarship applications and essays must be received by 5:00pm ET on April 1, 2024.*

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If you have questions about this form, please email [cps.info@villanova.edu](mailto:cps.info@villanova.edu)

Your Name

Your Email

Your Home Address

Your County of Residence within Southeastern PA

Year/Term applying to VIISTA

Please list all languages in which you are proficient

Please indicate the cultures with which you identify

Please describe your financial need

I understand that I must obtain a passing grade of C or higher in order to remain in the scholarship program

Student's Signature

**ESSAY PROMPT:**

In approximately 750 words, please thoughtfully answer the following question:

**This scholarship is designed to address needs for immigration-related legal services in the immigrant community.**

**Please describe (~750 words) what drives you to want to provide legal services to immigrants. (Please feel free to include whatever motivates you; it could be information about your own personal lived experience or the experiences of your friends or family members, something you learned in school, your faith tradition, your cultural upbringing, whatever is moving you to devote your career to this important work).**

Please submit this completed form and your essay to [cps.info@villanova.edu](mailto:cps.info@villanova.edu).