



Justamere Scholars VIISTA Scholarship Application

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

Who is Eligible?

The Justamere Foundation Scholarship will support bilingual and bicultural students (Justamere Scholars) with limited economic means, living in Pennsylvania. Applicants should be 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 the state of Pennsylvania.

The scholarship award covers tuition, fees, and material costs for Modules 1, 2, and 3. To maintain scholarship eligibility, students must complete all 3 Modules in one year (3 semesters) and pass all courses with a grade of C or higher.

Please fill out the form below and write an essay according to the following prompt, then email both to cps.info@villanova.edu

For consideration, all scholarship applications and essays must be received by the posted deadline on the [VIISTA website](#).

Justamere Scholars VIISTA Scholarship Application Form

If you have questions about this form, please email cps.info@villanova.edu

Your Name

Your Email

Your Home Address

Your County of Residence within Pennsylvania:

Year/Term applying to VIISTA:

Please list all languages in which you are proficient:

Please indicate the culture(s) with which you identify:

Please describe your financial need

I understand that I must obtain a passing grade of C or higher in each course and complete the program within one year (3 semesters) 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).

Submit this completed form and your essay to cps.info@villanova.edu.