

Aunt Berta's Education Foundation

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Program Overview

**12th Annual Minority Law and Research Institute
(MLARI)**

June 18 – June 29, 2012

**Law Center
Southern University and A&M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Aunt Berta's Kids Education Foundation

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Dear Parent/Student:

Students must attend the pre-qualifying day to be considered for attendance in the 2012 Minority Law and Research Institute (MLARI). On the pre-qualifying day, students will need to bring with them the **150-word essay** on why they should be given the opportunity to attend the MLARI 2012 and a **statement of 50** words about why the student is interested in learning more about law and the legal profession. These two documents are a part of the application packet that must be included for eligibility.

Students are required to be familiar with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Reauthorization of 2007. Students must also be able to elaborate in detail on “What would Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. say if he were alive today regarding the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Reauthorization of 2007?”

Essay Requirements:

-Essay #1: “Why should you be given the opportunity to attend MLARI 2012?” Response should be not less than **150 words**.

-Essay #2: “Why are you interested in learning more about law and the legal profession?” Response should be not less than **50 words**.

All essays must be typed, double-spaced, in Times New Roman or Arial size 12 font.

Pre-Qualifying Meeting: *January 14, 2012, 9 am - 3 pm*
Henrico HS, Auditorium, 9 am-3 pm
302 Azalea Avenue Henrico, VA 23227

Sincerely,

Joseph Haden, Sr.
Founder/Executive Director

William (Bill) Parker
Chairman Board of Trustees

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The institute is designed to expose under-represented students to consider careers in law, research and the legal profession. A total of thirty (30) to thirty-five (35) rising 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade, and first-year college students will participate in the summer institute. We hope to have participants from school districts in approximately fifteen states. The institute is an effective method for identifying and recruiting future lawyers interested in the career options of the legal profession. It is also an excellent way to expose students to and also motivate them for careers in Law and the legal profession, especially since minority students are under-represented in these areas.

The ultimate goal of the Law and Research Institute is to motivate and expose minority students to consider careers in the field of Law. The program is designed to raise student awareness to careers in Law and encourage them to set high expectations for academic achievement.

The institute will implement its goals and strategies by providing students with the knowledge of those skills that are needed to prepare them for opportunities for careers in Law. The program will provide opportunities for students to participate in legal research, visits to courtrooms, mock trials, and classroom discussions. The instruction disseminated in the curriculum will be enhanced by career professionals.

Reason for the Project

The Minority Law and Research Institute is designed to expose and prepare under-represented students to consider careers in Law. Rising 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade and first-year college students will participate in the program. This is an effective way for identifying and recruiting future Law School students. It is an excellent way to motivate students for careers in the field of Law; especially since minority students are under-represented in these areas.

Objectives of the Project

(What we want to accomplish - Expected Results)

Students participating in the Minority Law and Research Institute will:

- Prepare for careers in Law and the legal profession.
- Increase their motivation and career awareness in Law and the legal profession.
- Increase their aptitude in Political Science, research, public speaking and their performance on standardized tests.

Activities to Be Conducted

(Specific Actions that will be taken to Achieve Results)

To achieve the goals and objectives of The Minority Law and Research Institute, a number of activities must be provided for students participating in the Institute. These activities will include:

- Goal Setting and Career Awareness Workshops to enhance careers in the legal profession.
- Students engaging in a variety of activities related to Law and the legal profession.
- Students studying legal information and case studies.
- Students will be exposed to guest lecturers that are top-notch trial attorneys in the field of Law.
- Students to tour Southern University and A&M College Campus including the Law School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and attend ten days of intensive workshops.
- Opportunities for students to conduct research study and to complete research projects in Law.

Minority Law and Research Institute

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Minority Law and Research Institute activities will further enhance the mission of the Foundation by having a major impact on the educational future of the students participating in the program and hopefully will help increase the number of African-American law school candidates.

The activities that will be conducted for the Law and Research institute will provide students with many of the skills, strategies and initiatives needed to prepare them for careers in Law and the legal profession. The program will also help students overcome the many dynamics that plague minority youth.

Students participating in the program will be exposed to concepts, instructional strategies, and research projects in the legal profession.

Instructor and administrator will spend two days in preparation for the institute. And additional two will be spent at the conclusion of the institute for evaluation and assessment.

Goals and Objectives of the Law and Research Institute

Goal: To prepare under-represented students to consider careers in Law and the legal profession

Objectives: To increase student aptitude, research and performance on standardized tests and provide them with a broad array of information related to law and the legal profession

To increase student interest in the field of Law

To Be Eligible

To be eligible to participate in MLARI:

- **Complete MLARI application, attach a recent photo**
- Send a \$50.00 non-refundable application fee payable to Aunt Berta's Kids Education Foundation
- Forward a recommendation letter from a history, government instructor or a school administrator
- Send an official high school transcript
- Send an official college transcript (**college students only**)
- Include a short statement of 50 words about why you are interested in learning more about law and the legal profession
- Have a grade point average of 2.7 or better to be eligible
- Include a 150-word essay on why you should be given the opportunity to attend the MLARI for 2012

What Does It Cost

Tuition, room and board will be provided free for all selected participants. Participants will be required to pay a non-refundable \$50.00 application fee. The students will be housed in supervised residence halls at Southern University and will be provided three meals a day at no cost to the students. **Students are required to pay for their own transportation to and from Southern University in Baton Rouge and will be responsible for personal expenses.** Students will have access to campus resources including the libraries.

Please mail applications to: **Dr. Joseph Haden, Sr.**
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**Application for Minority Law and Research Institute
June 20 – July 1, 2012**

**To Be Held at
The Law Center
Southern University and A&M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

First and Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number () _____

Current Grade _____ Cum. High School GPA _____

Cum. College GPA (**for college students only**) _____

Social Security Number ____ - ____ - _____

High School Name and Address _____

email address: _____

Signature of Student _____

Parent or Guardian Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number () _____ Day () _____ Evening

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____