

# KUSH ARORA CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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As a dedicated Maryland criminal defense attorney, Kush Arora focuses his practice on representing individuals who have been accused of a variety of offenses, from misdemeanors to felonies. The work of a criminal defense attorney is as tough as it is important. That is because the presumption of innocence, what many of us know as the right to be considered innocent until proven otherwise, is the cornerstone of our justice system. As such, it requires sound legal counsel for all those accused. Sometimes, it is the laws that are flawed. In other instances, the way in which penalties are calculated and administered may be unduly punitive. Mr. Arora takes his role and responsibilities within the Maryland criminal justice system very seriously. He also takes seriously the need for students to recognize whether they believe the laws that govern society are just or unjust, and why. These traits are valuable in all citizens, not just criminal justice professionals, and Mr. Arora is dedicated to providing financial support and academic recognition to those who will pursue or support reasoned legal reform in the future.

Whether those goals are met with a law degree and practice, by pursuing a degree in another field that works within the criminal justice system, or by civic participation, Mr. Arora understands that the success of the criminal justice system depends on the success of the bright young women and men who are pursuing their academic and professional dreams today. To help them achieve their goals, and to further bolster the system that he so proudly serves, Mr. Arora has established the [Kush Arora Criminal Justice Reform Scholarship](#). This scholarship will award \$500 to a deserving student who has demonstrated a thoughtful, well-reasoned view of whether certain laws and criminal justice policies are just or unjust.

## Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

- The scholarship program is available to undergraduate, graduate, and law school students as well as incoming college freshmen.
- The candidate must be in good academic standing with at least a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA.

## Application Requirements:

The Kush Arora Criminal Justice Scholarship program invites all candidates who meet the aforementioned criteria to apply. Applicants will be evaluated based on the following:

- Applicants must submit a complete application, including this Cover Sheet, and both the essay and academic transcript described below.
- Applicants must submit a 1,000-word essay responding to one of the following prompts (they will be judged on the best-reasoned response, not on the position of the applicant):
  - Provide a well-reasoned argument about whether a specific policy in the criminal justice system (your choice) is unjust and requires reform, or is just and should stay the same.
  - Provide a well-reasoned argument defending or critiquing the criminalization of drug possession in the United States.

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- Applicants must also submit a current academic transcript from the applicant's school, or an academic transcript of the applicant's most recent school (including the applicant's most recent year in school).

**Application Instructions and Deadline:**

Fax or mail submissions may be addressed to:

Kush Arora Criminal Justice Reform Scholarship  
 Attn: Firm Administrator  
 409 7<sup>th</sup> St NW  
 Suite 210  
 Washington, DC 20004  
 Fax: (301) 424-8081

To be considered eligible for this scholarship, interested students must submit a completed application along with the above requirements by fax or mail no later than May 1, 2015. The results of the scholarship program will be announced by June 1, 2014.

For questions, please email: [info@maryland-criminallawyer.com](mailto:info@maryland-criminallawyer.com).

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

(Name) Last	First	MI
Date of Application		

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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City	State	Zip	Country

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

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