

**Open Society Scholarship Programs
2012 DISABILITY RIGHTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Application Deadline: March 15, 2012

I. Personal Information - Spell your name *exactly* as it is written on your passport.

Family Name: _____ Given Name: _____

Gender: Female Male

Date of Birth (month/day/year): _____ Place of Birth (city / country): _____

Country of permanent legal residence: _____ Country/-ies of citizenship: _____

Have you ever applied for, or do you currently hold, a visa or permanent residency status for the US, Canada, the UK, or EU? If so, describe and give expiration date of status/visa. _____

II. Mailing Address - All mail will be sent to this address during the competition (Fall 2011/Spring 2012). Include country and city code for phone/fax numbers.

Number and Street: _____

City/Region: _____ Index: _____ Country: _____

Home phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ Email: _____

III. Permanent Address (if different from above) - Include country and city code for phone/fax numbers.

Number and Street: _____

City/Region: _____ Index: _____ Country: _____

Work phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ Email: _____

IV. Current Employer - Include country and city code for phone/fax numbers.

Current position/job title: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Number and Street: _____

City/Region: _____ Index: _____ Country: _____

Work phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ Email: _____

V. Professional Experience - List your most recent professional experience first. You will have more space on your resume/CV to write about other positions.

Name & Type of Organization (include # of employees)	Job Title & Dates of Employment (and # of people supervised)	Job Responsibilities (and hours worked per week)	Paid or Volunteer

VI. Education - List all educational institutions you have attended, beginning with the one attended most recently.

Institution & Location	Major Field of Study (area of specialization)	Degree / Diploma (do not translate, write in Latin letters)	Dates of Study (starting & ending month / year)	Date Diploma Received (or expected)

VII. Academic Awards - List any awards, grants, fellowships, or honors you have received. Include the following information: type of award, granting agency, name of award, year, duration of study, and amount.

VIII. Research - List any scholarly or professional research you have done or are currently doing.

IX. Publications - List any books, articles, or theses you have published, include title, publisher, place and date.

X. Professional Associations - List professional associations or other organizations you are involved with.

XI. Conferences/Workshops/Trainings - List events you have attended that are relevant to your professional development and proposed field of study. If you gave a presentation, please write the topic in the last column.

Name of Conference/Workshop	Country	Dates	Participant or Presenter	Presentation Topic

XII. Language Ability - Rate your reading, writing, comprehension and speaking skills in each language you know, include English and your native language. Use the ratings of *Excellent, Good, Fair, or Poor*.

Language	Reading	Writing	Comprehension	Speaking
English				
Native (indicate)				

XIII. International Experience - Please indicate all extensive (more than one month) travel, study, or work you have had outside your home country.

Country Visited	Length of Stay	Dates	Purpose of travel

XIV. Required Accommodations - Please identify any disability-related accommodations you require to enable you to participate fully in an academic program. This information will have no bearing on the success of your application.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Physically accessible facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional time for testing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sign language interpretation | <input type="checkbox"/> Flexible scheduling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Materials in Braille | <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Please describe your needs: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Screen reading software | |

XV. Essay (letter of intent) - Write a detailed essay explaining your reasons for applying for support from the Open Society Disability Rights Scholarship Program. Explain how your background, education, and employment have prepared you to study at the graduate level in the field of law. How did you become interested in disability rights work? What experiences - personal, educational and organizational - led to or confirmed your interest in this field? What efforts have you undertaken to improve your professional qualifications already in the field of human rights/disability rights? Explain what you hope to accomplish during your fellowship and how this experience will help you achieve your professional and personal goals, including what type of work or position you would like to have after completing the program. (The length of your essay should not exceed five typed pages.)

XVI. Program Administration - How did you learn about the Program? (for statistical purposes only)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry/Government announcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet | <input type="checkbox"/> Your university |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soros/Open Society Office | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper/Journal | <input type="checkbox"/> Your workplace |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Television | | |

Have you applied for other scholarships this year (Open Society Foundations or other)? Yes ___ No ___

If so, which program(s)? _____

XVII. Required Order of Attachments - Please attach the following items to your application in the order given below:

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| 1. Essay | 5. Certified English translation of transcripts |
| 2. Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV), in English | 6. Official diplomas in original language |
| 3. Three recommendation letters in sealed envelopes | 7. Certified English translation of diplomas |
| 4. Official university transcripts in original language | 8. Photocopy of passport picture page (if available) |

XVIII. Certification - I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate. I understand that the final approval of my application and my status as a program grantee is dependent on my placement at an appropriate host university and on my ability to receive and maintain the necessary visa or study permit. I understand that the purpose of the program is to obtain a Master Degree in Law (LLM) that will provide the educational foundation needed to contribute to disability rights advocacy and legal reform in my home country. I agree to return to my home country upon completion of the fellowship.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

SUBMIT BY MARCH 15, 2012 TO:

Residents of Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe:

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Work Telephone & E-mail: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

In what capacity, and for how long, have you known the applicant? _____

Please list the courses you have taught the applicant, if applicable.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Applicant's Grade</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please comment on the applicant's ability to contribute to the development and reform of disability rights law and advocacy.

How do you think the applicant will benefit from studying in a graduate program in Law?

Overall Evaluation

Compared to other people you have taught or employed, how would you rank the applicant in the following terms? (Circle the best answer.)

Leadership	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
Motivation	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
Creative/Independent thinking	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
Effective communication skills	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
English language skills	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
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