

Application to the 2009-2010 Judgeship of the University of Chicago Scavenger Hunt

Part I: Sample List

Please submit an **anonymous** list of thirty (30) sample items to scavlists@gmail.com (preferably as a Word document) by November 1, 11:59 pm. In this document, please exclude **any and all** obvious identifying information. While composing your list, please maintain the utmost secrecy. If you are chosen for the Judgeship, these sample items may become part of the 2010 University of Chicago Scavenger Hunt List. Your list will be judged solely on its own merits, after which the field of candidates will be narrowed and further evaluated on the basis of information provided in Part II of this application.

Part II: Background Information

From the same e-mail account as used for Part I, please submit responses to the following prompts to scavbackground@gmail.com by November 1, 11:59pm.

1. Your name, year in the University, e-mail address, phone number, and physical address.
2. Your past ScavHunt experience in one hundred words or fewer.
3. What did you want to be when you grew up, and exactly how did that dream die?
4. Please tell us the best joke. The best.
5. After e-mailing back and forth with your secret admirer for weeks now, you've mutually concluded that it's time for you to meet face-to-face. At exactly 5:32 pm, you arrive at the overpass and lean up against a pillar, nervously buttoning and unbuttoning your bright red cardigan—the sign upon which you and your admirer had agreed. As you scan the passers-by, your eye catches on your admirer's promised sign: a brilliant green scarf, now whipping in the breeze. Your heart quickens, and you strain to see the face of the person whose words had made you believe in love again. Surprise! It's us, the Scav Judges, and we're like totally gaga over you. Where do you take us on our first date, and what do we talk about?
6. Please judge each of the following items as “good” or “bad” and give a one-sentence explanation of your choice.
 - (a) The comfiest chair in the world.
 - (b) A googol of anything, except zeros.
 - (c) Nobody expects a Spanish Imposition!
 - (d) Put the ‘fun’ back in funeral.
 - (e) A recap of the 2008 election from start to finish in as few haikus as it takes to tell the whole story.
 - (f) A Hello Kitty enema.

Thank you, and good luck!