

Application to the 2025 - 2026 Judgeship of the University of Chicago Scavenger Hunt

Instructions for Submission

The application consists of two parts: a sample list and your answers to a series of questions. Each should be submitted as a Word document in a single email, sent to **judgeapps2026@gmail.com** by Sunday, May 18 at 11:59pm Central Time. In your sample list, please exclude **any and all** obvious identifying information. In the body of your email, please provide your full name (including middle), your pronouns if comfortable, year in the University, email address, phone number, and physical address.

Part 1: Sample List

Please submit an **anonymous** list of twenty to thirty sample items. While composing your list, please maintain the utmost secrecy. If you are chosen for the Judgeship, these sample items may become part of the next List. Please keep in mind that, while we think our own items are excellent, your list will be judged solely on its own merits; items that are repetitions of past Lists count as the bad kind of sycophancy, since we don't get to see your Scav mind at work. Please note that it is not necessary to assign point values for your items, unless you feel that a pointing scheme is critical for our understanding of your intent.

Part 2: Background Information

1. How would you like to see Scav Hunt grow and change over the next few years, if at all?
2. Please tell us about your Scav Hunt experience, if any, in one hundred words or fewer.
3. Please answer three of the following:
 - a. What would you do if when you okay so he said yes would go?
 - b. You've been turned into a vampire. How are you lining your coffin? Why?
 - c. Please rank the following bachelor(ette)s in order of eligibility and justify your choices: Fozzie Bear, Grimace, the Portland Pickle, Mary Todd Lincoln, Mangle, and Scrooge McDuck.
 - d. Pitch us your get-rich-quick scheme.
4. What was your favorite item from the Scav List in 2024 or 2025? What is an item you feel didn't belong on the List? Why?
5. Please give brief critiques (two sentences or fewer) of the following items. If you think an item is perfect, explain why.

- a. Lice bucket challenge.
 - b. Transcribe the *Iliad* onto a roll of toilet paper for bathroom reading material.
 - c. Gotta catch 'em all! And by 'em we mean mental illnesses. 1 point for every unique diagnosed mental illness (recognized in the DSM-5) among the scavies on your team.
 - d. We're craving dim sum. Do you think you could run over to Chinatown and get us pot stickers? [X points per pot sticker delivered to Judge HQ by Thursday 8 pm. 0 points if you do not run to Chinatown and back to deliver them, proof. No fucking limit]
 - e. Most famous corpse. At Judgment. You know what to do.
 - f. A water bed. No, not like that.
6. From the items listed in Question 5, select three and improve them. Describe why your way is better.

Thank you, and good luck!