

Application to the 2023-2024 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 **judgeapps2024@gmail.com** by Saturday, October 28th at 11:59pm. 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 two of the following questions:
 - a. Why should you be God-King of Illinois? What would be the cause of your overthrow?
 - b. Imagine that, at some point in your life, you will be given the time and materials to dig as deep a hole as you would like. How deep would you dig and why?
 - c. Should Scav follow the Geneva Convention? OSHA? The Girl Scout Law? Defend your argument.
4. What was your favorite item from the Scav List in 2023? 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. Baby Björn? No, Baby Bjüdge! During Showcase Judgment, one member of your team should be prepared to carry one judge around in a carrier or cloth wrap on their chest such that the judge's feet do not touch the floor. Judging is hard work so make sure it is appropriately comfortable and soothing.
 - b. Filibuster a class. Points for longest uninterrupted filibuster, most interesting filibuster, and filibustering the class with the most students.
 - c. It's the human chipmunk challenge! We'll provide the grapes. You store as many in your mouth as you can.
 - d. A slut machine.
 - e. Each item on the List must be presented with a uniquely (and thematically appropriate) painted miniature toy cow or else it will receive no points.
 - f. Lay siege against the headquarters of an enemy team.
6. From the items listed in Question 5, select three and improve them. Describe why your way is better.

Thank you, and good luck!