

Jailhouse Lawyers Speak Membership Application

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1. What's your sentence and charges? How much longer do you have left on your sentence?
2. Have you engaged in any legal education or related activities during your incarceration? If yes, elaborate on your involvement, any certifications earned, and notable accomplishments.
3. What motivates your interest in becoming a member of Jailhouse Lawyers Speak (JLS)?
4. Describe any experience you have in assisting fellow prisoners with legal matters, such as research, writing, or advocacy, and the results of these efforts.
5. Do you have access to legal resources like law libraries or other legal materials within your prison? If so, detail how you utilize these resources for legal purposes.
6. Identify any specific legal areas you are knowledgeable about or particularly interested in, and explain your interest or experience in these areas.
7. Are you prepared to uphold and promote the JLS 10-point organizing platform, including the safeguarding of sensitive legal information as a legal worker?
8. If you identify as a legal worker, are you committed to pursuing ongoing legal education during your incarceration and keeping abreast of new laws and legal developments?
9. Have you participated in any prison protests? If so, please provide context and details.
10. In your own words, define the concept of prison abolition.
11. Explain your understanding of the difference between human rights and civil rights.
12. What skills, experiences, or qualifications do you bring that would contribute to the JLS mission and enhance its advocacy for prisoners' rights?

Note:

- Formation of an autonomous JLS section requires a minimum of three JLS members. We encourage you to strive for organization and collaboration.
- As a member of Jailhouse Lawyers Speak, we do NOT charge other prisoners for legal work we aid them in.
- You do not have to be a Jailhouse Lawyer in order to have membership with JLS