

son would probably think I mean I'm into lying and swindling, two qualities associated with lawyers today. The law profession has gotten a bad reputation, and it hasn't just been in recent years. For decades, perhaps more, people have thought of lawyers as greedy crooks, and have made what used to be an honorable profession into somewhat of a joke. Shakespeare himself said, "the first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers." I admit that cases like the O.J. Simpson trial have a way of making someone believe that all one needs to become a lawyer is a large vocabulary and a flair for drama. Neither of these qualities had anything to do with my decision to become a lawyer.

The real reason I decided to become a lawyer is that the law is a job that involves my greatest strengths; reading, writing, and the ability to work well with others; and that the law has always been fascinating to me. I'm not a really great liar, mostly because I haven't had a lot of practice, and while I would like a well-paying job as much as the next person, I'm not excessively greedy. My career goals do not include making partner at a huge law firm or any other lofty plans.

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Dear Friends:

My name is Viviana Trallo, I attend the Liceo Classico in Cerignola, and am in my last year and I am very happy to have the possibility to thank you personally. It isn't the first time I have received a scholarship, but for me this one is the most important, because its aim is totally different from the other ones.

In fact with this initiative you want to remember your friends who have sacrificed their lives for their mother country. It is a pleasure for me to be a symbol of their virtue, and to keep their memory still alive among us young.

Your promotion has been for me a strong enticement to become braver and braver. In fact my aim is to study medicine at the University in Padua. I hope one day I'll be able to meet you in order to be friends.

Yours Sincerely,

Viviana Trallo

Right now, there are two areas of law that I am considering. The first of these is to defend these people to the best of my ability, because rich or poor, all American citizens and in fact all human beings deserve the right to a fair trial.

To prepare for my future career, be it as an environmental lawyer or a public defender, in college I plan on taking courses that will be useful in either field of study. I also plan on interning at a local law firm, a courthouse or any place where law is practiced. I think that by doing this I will gain valuable experience that can not be replaced by any classes I might take. On campus, I would also like to participate in Student Government which I think will help me to learn court proceedings a little better. By doing these three things, I believe I could gain insight that will be a bonus to my future clients.

In college, I plan on making my final decision as to which branch of the law I want to continue, the branch that will lead to my future career. I do know, however, that while my final career plans haven't yet been completed, I am very goal oriented.

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Dear Friends,



I'm Stefania Colonna from the "Istituto Tecnico Commerciale "D. Alighieri" in Cerignola (Italy). I'm writing this letter to thank you for having recognized and prized my efforts with one of your scholarships.

This is the first scholarship I have ever received even though I have always achieved high averages during my school career.

As you can imagine I am very satisfied and so are my teachers, my parents and, my friends.

Above all, I am very happy to know that my award was given in the name of those who gave their lives in their Country's name. I will always keep in my heart their memory that will be always inside my heart and my mind, and it will help me to give the best of myself in every day life.

I am not convinced about my future yet, but I would like to become a good doctor to save many human beings and give them again moments of joy and peace.

Grateful forever, love from

Stefania Colonna