Statement of Justification

My name is [redacted] and I am a member of the Class of [redacted] at Hunter College. I am majoring in English—Literatures, Language, and Criticism, with a minor in Arabic Studies. I am seeking to access my opportunities fund to support a Law School Admissions Test preparatory class at Powerscore, so that I can perform well on the test on October 6, 2012.

When I first entered the Macaulay Honors College at Hunter College, I knew that I wanted to pursue a graduate program upon completion of my undergraduate studies. I was attracted to finance, education, and writing, however, I did not know what I specifically wanted to pursue. I did not know how and to which particular field I wanted to apply my English degree.

There were aspects of each subject that impassioned me, but I did not want to limit myself to just one subject. As a result, to better focus myself, I applied for an internship at The British Council, which allowed me to delve into financial strategies, making education an opportunity for all students, and helped me further develop my writing skills. This wonderful experience then motivated me to apply, as a Jeannette K. Watson Fellow, for a position at The Conference Board, where I worked on their newly established Workforce Readiness initiative. During my time there, I was able to collaborate with individuals of diverse educational backgrounds and interests, including economists, MBA students, and educators. But, I was introduced to a sector I had never interacted or had experience with before — law. From speaking with various employees, I learned that with a J.D. I could become a public interest lawyer, working on such issues as education law, or even focus on corporate finance, if I chose to go that route. Most important, however, I was excited by the fact that a law degree could be used in a wide variety of fields, and not just in law. With the work that I was conducting, specifically on education reform and a weakening economy, I was drawn to the
world of government. With a government position, I believe that I can amalgamate my passion for finance, education, and writing, with the knowledge and expertise it takes to strategically create policies, and then expressing those policies clearly and effectively to others. To me, it is obvious that a foundation in law would give me the tools and skills I need to understand the environment and processes of government. However, in order to be accepted into a revered law program, I need to receive a high score on the LSAT. I believe that the Powerscore course will provide me with the support and preparation needed to achieve that result.

As seen throughout my entire academic history, I have always been deeply interested in philosophy, logic, political science, and of course, English. Furthermore, I am currently taking a class entitled, "Advocacy in the Courts," which is an introductory law class with the Hunter College pre-law advisor. The course is rigorous, and is structured to emulate the first of year of law school. So far, I have developed a great relationship with my professor, and have received high grades on our written assignments. All of these have come together to make me a prospective law school student. Perhaps most important in law is an exceptional ability to write. A law student and lawyer will be required to create a number of documents, including briefs, proofs, and memorandums, etc. which need the writer to be precise, analytical, and persuasive. With the success I have achieved in my English classes, I believe that I have gained and developed the necessary skills needed to be a productive and exemplary law school student.

With access to my opportunities fund, I will be able to fund an LSAT preparatory class with Powerscore, which I would be unable to afford otherwise. The program provides me with in-depth teaching sessions, a plethora of comprehensive LSAT materials, and access to supportive LSAT experts. All of these features will contribute to me being able to achieve the high score that I aim for.
With a high score on the LSAT, which is the most important factor when applying to law schools, I will have a greater expanse of law schools to choose from, which will allow me to find the program that best suits me to be successful in a career in government.