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Mission Statement

The purpose of these fellowships is to provide funding to students who serve community needs by working in a legal position in the public interest field. Public interest works defined for the purposes of this fellowship as work for a government or nonprofit organization that serves the underfunded community. Students selected to receive these fellowships will positively reflect the goals and objectives of NAPIL, the Environmental Law Society, and the Shepard Broad Law Center, and will have demonstrated an interest in serving the public interest community.

Student Eligibility

These fellowships are open to first and second year law students enrolled at the Shepard Broad Law Center. Non-graduating third year students are also eligible. Students may apply and be eligible more than once in successive terms or years. Students must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average to receive a fellowship award.

Amount of Stipend

The amounts awarded will vary depending upon the number of hours worked by an applicant and the availability of any additional funding to the applicant. One or two small stipends will be awarded during the Fall and/or Winter semesters, with the remainder of the fellowships awarded for the Summer term.

Decision Committee

Students' applications will be reviewed by a committee composed of at least one NAPIL chapter student working with at least one faculty member and one administrator.

Application Requirements

The application must be fully completed and submitted in a timely fashion. No exceptions will be made.

The application consists of all of the following:

1. A cover letter to the committee indicating the following:
 - a. Name.
 - b. Current address and phone number.
 - c. Summer address and phone number (if different than above).
 - d. Year in law school.
 - e. Grade Point Average.
 - f. Expected place of employment and number of hours intended per week.
 - g. Sources of funding (if any) for this position.
2. Current Resume.
3. Transcript (official or unofficial).
4. One to two page statement which explains why an applicant believes that he or she should receive the stipend. The statement should reflect any prior commitment to the public interest law community, community involvement, financial need, reasons for wanting to work with a particular organization, and any other pertinent factors.
5. Letter or written statement of verification of employment from the employer. Such a statement must include a detailed description of the position and verification that the applicant has been given, or is being considered for, the position.

Responsibilities of the Fellowship Recipient

Students who receive fellowships must fulfill the terms of employment as submitted in the application. If a student does not complete such terms, he or she will be required to repay all money awarded.

At the completion of employment, the student is required to submit a one to two page report documenting the fellowship experience and must also obtain a letter from the employer confirming that the student has satisfactorily fulfilled the terms of employment.

In addition, students, by accepting the fellowships, consent to their names being forwarded to the national NAPIL organization for possible use in publicity materials. Students may also be requested to submit their reports for publication or to speak about their experiences at a future NAPIL event.

Deadline

The deadline for submission of the application for the Fall 1996 semester is September 9, 1996, with a projected award determination date of September 16, 1996. The deadline for the Winter 1997 semester is January 20, 1997, with a projected award determination date of January 27, 1997. The deadline for the Summer 1997 semester is April 21, 1997, with a projected award date of April 28, 1997.

Please submit applications to the Shepard Broad Law Center's Public Interest Law Center.

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