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Mission Statement

The Law Center Public Service Summer Fellowships are designed to encourage law student involvement in public service legal employment for the summer, by providing funding to subsidize unpaid work at a public service organization. For the purposes of this fellowship, public service organizations may include government, nonprofit, or judicial organizations. Students selected to receive these fellowships must meet all the criteria outlined in this brochure.

Student Eligibility

This fellowship is open to first- and second-year (and third-year evening) law students enrolled at the Shepard Broad Law Center. In order to be considered for the fellowships, students must first make arrangements for a pro bono placement at a public service organization, located in any geographic area, for a minimum of 20 hours per week and a minimum 10-week work commitment. Students must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average when they apply and when the fellowship begins in order to receive a fellowship award. Students receiving academic credit for their work are not eligible. Students may not receive pro bono credit for their fellowship work.

Amount of Award/Impact on Financial Aid

There will be approximately five fellowships of \$1,000 each.

The Public Service Summer Fellowships are awarded in the form of scholarships credited against tuition. Applicants presently receiving financial aid should be aware that their particular financial situation may result in the award being credited to their student account for the 2003–2004 academic year. Before applying for a Public Service Summer Fellowship, students should speak to their financial aid counselor and/or review their financial aid profile to determine any limitations that may be imposed on them in connection with the awarding of this fellowship, then discuss the limitations in their applications, as indicated.

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, Social Security number, and anticipated date of graduation
 - b. address and telephone number and summer address and telephone number, if different
 - c. expected place of employment and number of hours per week you intend to work
 - d. any additional sources of funding you are applying for/expect to receive for your work
2. Current resume
3. Law Center transcript (official or unofficial)
4. One- to two-page statement explaining why you believe you should receive the stipend. This statement should reflect any prior commitment to the public interest law community, other community involvement, description of your duties, reasons for wanting to work with the current organization, and any other factors pertinent to the application.
5. Letter or written statement of verification from expected employer, detailing the job description and verifying that you have been hired or are currently being considered for the available position for the 10-week period
6. A statement describing your financial need, including debts incurred, means by which you are paying for your legal education, and any other proposed sources of funding

Deadline

The deadline for submitting a completed application is Friday, April 4, 2003. Please submit completed applications directly to the Public Interest Law Center, located in Career Development.

Students' applications will be reviewed by the Public Service Fellowship Committee, consisting of administrators and faculty members from the Shepard Broad Law Center.

Responsibilities of the Fellowship Recipients

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.

Upon completion of the employment, the student will be required to submit a report to the Public Interest Law Center by Friday, September 5, 2003, describing and evaluating his or her experiences. In addition, by that date, the student must submit a letter from the organization certifying that the proposed work was successfully completed. Fellowship recipients should also be prepared to speak about their experiences to interested groups of fellow law students.

Additional Information and Assistance in Finding a Summer Placement

For resource materials for finding a summer placement, and counseling regarding this and other public interest law opportunities, please visit the Public Interest Law Center, located in the Career Development Office.

Notice of Nondiscrimination

The Law Center admits students of any race, sex, sexual orientation, age, color, nondisqualifying handicap, religion, or national or ethnic origin.

Accreditation

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; Telephone number 404-679-4501) to award bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees.

The Shepard Broad Law Center is accredited by the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association (750 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60611; Telephone number: 312-988-6738)



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