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MISSION STATEMENT

The Feinrider Scholarship is designed to provide funding for law students who are spending the summer working for a nonprofit public interest organization devoted to international human rights. Students selected to receive these scholarships will meet all the criteria outlined in this brochure, including the evaluation of the significance and clarity of the proposed project, the student’s ability to meaningfully complete the work, and the student’s financial need.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

This scholarship is open to first and second year law students enrolled at the Shepard Broad Law Center. In order to be considered for the scholarship, students must first make arrangements for a placement at a nonprofit public interest organization devoted to international human rights. Such placement should be for full-time employment, for at least a two-month period; however, part-time work may fulfill this requirement in certain cases. Students must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average to receive a scholarship award. The Feinrider Summer Scholarships are awarded in the form of scholarships credited against tuition; applicants presently receiving financial aid should be aware that the size of their awards may limit the amount of funding they can receive from the Feinrider Scholarship Fund.

AMOUNT OF STIPEND

The amounts awarded will generally range from $1,500 to $3,000, with the intention that up to two scholarships are offered. The Feinrider Committee reserves the right to not award any scholarships to preserve the integrity of the program.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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

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.
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 describing your enthusiasm for and demonstrated commitment to public interest work and to issues of social justice. The letter should include the name and a general description of the organization for which you intend to work and a description of the work project contemplated, reflecting your prior discussions with the organization and including identified goals to be completed by you during the summer.

2. Current resume, including academic, employment, and community service experience.

3. Law Center transcript (official or unofficial).

4. A letter from the organization confirming that it has agreed to accept you as an intern and to provide appropriate supervision for at least a two-month summer.

5. A statement describing your financial need, including debts incurred and means by which you are paying for your legal education.

DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting a completed application is Wednesday, April 15, 1998. Please submit completed applications directly to Professor Douglas Donoho at the Shepard Broad Law Center. Students' applications will be reviewed by the Feinrider Scholarship Committee, consisting of faculty and administrators from the Shepard Broad Law Center.
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Students who receive scholarships 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 Feinrider Scholarship Committee describing and evaluating his or her experiences. In addition, the student must submit a letter from the organization certifying that the proposed work was successfully completed. Scholarship 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.

Successful placements include a wide variety of organizations—such as those handling immigration and political asylum claims, The United Nations, The Inter-American Court for Human Rights in Costa Rica, Amnesty International, or international human rights groups in the United States or other countries.

Professor Feinrider, who served on the Law Center faculty from 1980 until his tragic death in 1986, was an outspoken scholar and activist in the field of international law, known particularly for his commitment to the promotion of human rights and the elimination of nuclear weaponry.