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Shepard Broad Law Center

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

The fellowship is open to first and second year law students enrolled at the Shepard Broad Law Center. Third year students are also eligible for the Fall and Winter semesters. Students may apply and be eligible for this fellowship more than once in successive terms or years. Students must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average to receive a fellowship award. The NAPIL Fellowships are awarded in the form of scholarships credited against tuition; applicants receiving financial aid should be aware that the size of their award may limit the amount of funding they may receive from this fellowship.

AMOUNT OF STIPEND

The amounts of the stipends awarded will depend on the number of applicants, the number of hours and the number of weeks worked by an applicant, and the availability of 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.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All items below must be received in a timely fashion. No exceptions will be made.

1. A cover letter to the committee indicating the following:
 - a. name;
 - b. address and telephone number;
 - c. summer address and telephone number, if different;
 - d. year in law school;
 - e. expected place of employment and number of hours per week you intend to work; and
 - f. source of funding (if any) and/or any additional sources of funding you are applying for, for this position.
2. Current resume.
3. Transcript (may be unofficial).
4. One to two page statement explaining why an applicant believes he or she should receive the stipend. This statement should reflect any prior commitment to the public interest law community, other community involvement, financial need, reason 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 the applicant has been hired or is currently being considered for the available position.

DECISION COMMITTEE

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

RESPONSIBILITIES OF 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 the money awarded.

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

By accepting the fellowships, students consent to their name 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 applying for Fall 1997 is September 8, 1997, with a projected award determination date of September 15, 1997. The deadline for applying for Winter 1998 is January 30, 1998, with a projected award determination date of February 9, 1998.

The deadline for applying for Summer 1998 is April 15, 1998, with a projected award date of April 29, 1998. Please submit applications to the Public Interest Law Center.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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

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