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## **Mission Statement**

The Law Center 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. Public service organizations for the purposes of this fellowship 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 to receive a fellowship award. Students receiving academic credit for their work are not eligible.

## **Amount of Stipend**

There will be approximately five fellowships of \$1,000 each, intended to contribute to the living expenses of the recipient.

The Public Service Summer Fellowships are awarded in the form of scholarships credited against tuition. Applicants currently receiving any financial aid, including loans or other scholarships, should be aware that the size of their financial aid awards may limit the amount of funding they can receive from the Public Service Summer Fellowship and/or the timing of the crediting of the award to their student account. Before applying for the Public Service Summer Fellowships, 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, and discuss them in their application, 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. Source of funding (if any) and/or any additional source of funding you are applying to receive for this position
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, 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 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 Monday, April 16, 2001. 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 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.

Upon completion of the employment, the student will be required to submit a report to the Public Interest Law Center by Friday, September 7, 2001, 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.

Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center is a member of the Association of American Law Schools and is accredited by the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar of the American Bar Association (550 West North Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202; Telephone number 317-264-8340).



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