

2020 SUMMER GRANT PROGRAM: **APPLICATION INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS**

Application Deadline is Monday, March 23 at 4:00PM.

A. Purpose and Eligibility:

Iowa Law's Summer Grant Program is designed to financially ease the burden of University of Iowa law students who pursue unpaid summer internships to further their development as attorneys. Grants available for summer 2020 are listed below along with the applicable eligibility criteria. A student need only submit one Summer Grant Application, and if eligible, will be considered for multiple grants. All applicants must be 1Ls or 2Ls in good standing.

The majority of the grants are for students volunteering over the summer for a public interest non-profit organization or government agency (including in judicial chambers). Public interest agencies include IRS Code 501(c)(3) entities, government agencies, and advocacy groups. Some funds are also available to support the cost of students attending a summer study abroad program.

B. Available Grants:

Annette Stewart Study Abroad Fund

- Preference given to students participating in a study abroad program or an externship abroad.

Citizen Lawyer Program (CLP) Fund

- Must demonstrate commitment to law-related services during the summer in the public or private non-profit sectors (as defined above) without compensation.

Class of 1998 Public Interest Summer Internship Fund Award

- Must be in a volunteer summer public interest position that is not otherwise paid or receiving academic credit.
- Preference given to public interest agencies as defined above.
- Level of need and the intensity of commitment to public interest will also be considered.

Equal Justice Foundation (EJF) Summer Grants

- Must be employed or volunteer with an eligible public interest employer.
- Must demonstrate a commitment to public interest.
- Must have volunteer experience, either with EJF or another public or private not-for-profit agency (as defined above).

Iowa Innovation, Business & Law Stipend

- Must be in unpaid public interest or public service position related to the mission of the IBL Center, which is to further the study of the laws related to entrepreneurship, creativity, competition, technology and corporations generally, or the legal issues raised by cutting-edge technology advances specifically.

Katherine Finn Milleman Memorial Law Award

- For students pursuing creative coursework in the writing or the arts, or pursuing an unpaid position with an entity that promotes social justice and equality.

Paul Harris Rotarian Scholar Award

- Preference for students in a summer public interest position that provides legal services to those of low income and for students that have shown engagement in their community by completing a service project in an area that interests them.
- Recipient should be willing to consider joining Rotary International in the future as an organization committed to creating lasting change in our communities.

Stanley & Gail Richards Fund in Support of Disability Programs

- To support law students working with organizations in the public or non-profit sector that advocate for or support disabled people.

Stephen & Erna Morain Summer Fellowship

- Must demonstrate commitment to providing law-related services during the summer in the public or private non-profit sectors (as defined above) without compensation.
- First preference to students providing law-related services to district judges in Iowa.
- Second preference given to students in government and non-profit agencies in Iowa.

C. Application Requirements:

Please follow the instructions below to ensure your application is COMPLETE:

1. Download the Supporting Documentation Template posted on the [Summer Grant Program webpage](#) prior to starting the online application. You must upload your file with your grant application. The template includes the following:
 - Expense & Income Worksheet
 - Volunteer Service Hours Worksheet
 - Public Interest Essay (type your essay directly in the template)
 - Plan B Short Essay (type your essay directly in the template)
 - Space for additional short essay if you are applying for a Paul Harris Rotarian Scholar Award, or the Innovation, Business & Law stipend

NOTE: In order for administrative staff to properly identify your documentation, you must name your file as follows: "**Lastname Firstname-supporting documents.**" Do not include your name anywhere else in your document. Applications are reviewed anonymously by the committee.

2. If you have already secured a qualifying summer position, you must upload a copy of the correspondence offering you a summer position with your grant application. You do not need a formal letter; an email from the agency is sufficient.
** If you have not yet secured a summer position, you will not be disqualified if you are engaged in an active search for an eligible public interest position.*
3. Complete and submit an **Online Application**. (Click [here](#) to start your application.)

NOTE: Be aware that if you do not follow the application guidelines set forth in this document, your application will receive reduced consideration by the selection committee and may ultimately be deemed ineligible.

D. Deadlines/Application Processing:

- Submission deadline is **4:00PM on Monday, March 23, 2020.**
- Decisions will be made by mid-April.
- If you have not secured an eligible public interest employment job offer by the submission deadline, but are actively seeking an eligible summer position, you should still apply. You must submit an application by the submission deadline to be considered. Upon receiving a qualifying job offer, you must contact the Field Placement Program (law-fpp@uiowa.edu) IMMEDIATELY to amend your application.

E. Confidentiality of Information Provided in the Application:

All information provided in this application packet is protected as a confidential student record under federal law (The Family Educational Records and Privacy Act). It will be shared with persons who serve on the selection committee (although de-identified to the extent possible) and with the financial aid office and other administrators authorized by law to gain access.