

2021 SUMMER GRANT PROGRAM: **APPLICATION INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS**

**Applications will be awarded on a rolling basis beginning
approximately February 24, 2021.
Application Deadline: April 7, 2021**

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 2021 are listed below along with the eligibility criteria. A student need only submit one Summer Grant Application, and if eligible, will be considered for multiple grants. All applicants must be 1L or 2L JD (joint degree students with remaining semesters for their JD degree) in good standing and **have secured and accepted a position.**

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.

Due to the economic impact of COVID-19, limited funds are available for the summer of 2021. Students will be awarded an amount up to \$750.00 on a rolling basis, based on responses to the application and subject to the availability of funds.

Some specialized grant awards (noted below) are available; students must apply for those funds by submitting a supplementary essay. Recipients will be notified in mid-April 2021.

Recipients of the specialized grant will be awarded the dollar amount associated with the grant in lieu of any baseline award.

B. Available Grants:

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 submit supplementary essay.)*

- Four \$1500 awards. 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. Eligible opportunities could include nonprofits working in areas such as privacy, technology law, or government agencies such as the SEC, FTC, and state consumer protection offices.

Katherine Finn Milleman Memorial Law Award *(Must submit supplementary essay.)*

- Two awards of \$4000 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 *(Must submit supplementary essay.)*

- 1 award of \$2500 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 *(Must submit supplementary essay.)*

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

C. Application Requirements:

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

1. Your application must be completed online. A copy of the online application for your reference can be downloaded [here](#). This will help you prepare the information needed beforehand. The application requests the following:
 - Volunteer Service Hours
 - Statement of commitment to public interest or public service
 - Word file containing essay if you are applying for the IBL Stipend, Katherine Finn Milleman Memorial Award, Paul Harris Rotarian Scholar Award, or Stanley & Gail Richards Fund award.
 - You must upload a copy of the correspondence offering you a summer position with your grant applications. You do not need a formal letter; an email from the agency is sufficient.

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. 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:

- Apply once you have secured and accepted an eligible public interest position. Decisions will be made on a rolling basis; the committee plans to meet every other week to discuss applications.
- Final application deadline: April 7, 2021

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.