

## **2022 SUMMER GRANT PROGRAM:** **APPLICATION INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS**

**Applications will be awarded on a rolling basis beginning  
approximately February 24, 2022.  
Application Deadline: April 5, 2022**

### **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 needs only to submit one Summer Grant Application, and if eligible, will be considered for multiple grants. All applicants must be 1L or 2L JD (including joint degree students with remaining semesters for their JD degree) in good standing and ***have secured and accepted a position.***

Summer 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 2022. Students will be awarded an amount up to \$1000 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 2022.*

***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).

**Jeff Borns International Rule of Law Award** *(Must submit supplementary essay.)*

- One \$5000 award. Must be in an unpaid internship in Washington, DC in the International Rule of Law (IROL) field. The student must demonstrate financial need, and preference is given to students who are from or have close ties to Iowa and would not otherwise have the opportunity to intern in Washington, DC. IROL includes international human rights and related international development fields. A description of potential internship organizations is available [here](#).

**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 persons with disabilities.

## C. Application Requirements:

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

1. Your application must be completed online. This checklist will help you prepare the information needed beforehand. The application requests the following:
  - Number of Volunteer Service Hours and agencies with which you volunteered.
  - [Word file](#) containing a supplemental essay if you are applying for the Jeff Borns IROL Award, IBL Stipend, Katherine Finn Milleman Memorial Award, Paul Harris Rotarian Scholar Award, or Stanley & Gail Richards Fund award. For administrative staff to properly identify your essay, you must name your file as follows: "Lastname Firstname-essay." Do not include your name anywhere else in your document. Applications are reviewed anonymously by the committee.
  - A copy of the correspondence offering you a summer position. You do not need a formal letter; an email from the agency is sufficient. Please name your file as follows:

**“Lastname\_Firstname-correspondence.”** This correspondence is not reviewed by the committee but will be retained with your application.

2. Complete and submit an [Online Application](#). Be sure to upload requested documentation when prompted.

**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 5, 2022

#### **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.