

2023-2024 Public Interest Law Foundation Grant

Up to twenty thousand dollars in grants will be available to be awarded to Iowa Law School seniors (from three to five students) to facilitate their engaging in public interest legal work. The funds for these grants have been made available from private donations through the Iowa Law School Foundation.

To be eligible for the Public Interest Law Foundation Grant, a student must have accumulated substantial indebtedness from student loans and must demonstrate a commitment to pursuing public interest legal work. An applicant must have graduated in December 2023, or will graduate in May, June, or August 2024.

For purposes of this grant, “public interest legal work” means work for an employer that pays a low starting salary and that is either an Internal Revenue Code § 501(c)(3) entity or an agency of government.

Grants will be determined by a three-person committee consisting of the Director of Financial Aid, the Director of Career Services, and the faculty chair of the Student Services Committee. **In making the grants, the Committee will take into account student need (based on the amount of accumulated educational debt and anticipated salary) and the student’s demonstrated commitment to pursuing public interest legal work after graduation (based on existing job commitments or other evidence indicating a high degree of likelihood that public interest legal work will be pursued and obtained).**

2023-2024 Public Interest Law Foundation Grant Application

1. Applicant Information

Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Student ID: _____

Email (not uiowa.edu): _____

Address: _____

Graduation Date: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

2. Total Outstanding Loan Debt (Undergraduate/Graduate/Law School: \$ _____)

3. ATTACH YOUR CURRENT RESUME. Be sure to include your law school activity

4. ATTACH SHEET describing your experience in public interest legal work commitment (include name)

5. EMPLOYMENT AFTER GRADUATION

a. If known, Employer Information

Name of Employee: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Employer Representative who may be contacted: _____

Nature of Employer's Work: _____

Nature of commitment of employer to applicant and of applicant to employer:

Starting Salary (if known, or estimated: \$ _____)

OR

b. If you have no contractual commitment or identified prospective employer, provide any additional information that will be relevant to the Committee's determination of your commitment to engage in public interest legal work

Signature Required

Date

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO

LAW-FINANCIALAID@UIOWA.EDU ON OR BEFORE MAY 7, 2024