

2025 SUMMER GRANT PROGRAM: **APPLICATION INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS**

**Awards will be decided on a rolling basis, while funds remain.
Applications for specialized grants must be received by April 1,
2025.**

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. Available grants 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 advanced degree and 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. Students that meet this criteria will be awarded \$1,000 on a rolling basis, based on responses to the application and subject to the availability of funds. *In mid-April 2025, students that apply for and are selected to receive specialized grant awards (listed with dollar amount below) will be notified of the increase in their grant award. Students must apply for those funds by submitting a supplementary essay. **Recipients of the specialized grant will be awarded the dollar amount associated with the grant in lieu of any baseline award.***

B. Selected Grant Descriptions:

Annette Stewart International Summer Travel Stipend

- 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.
- 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).

Hubbell Environmental Law Summer Fellowship

- \$6,000 awards to support students in unpaid public interest or public service positions in environmental law. Applications will be sent to the Hubbell Environmental Law Initiative (HELI) through this [link](#).

Iowa Innovation, Business & Law Stipend

- Multiple 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.

Jeff Borns Public Interest Rule of Law Award (Must submit supplementary essay.)

- \$5,000 award for an in-person summer internship at a public interest organization, preferably located in the Washington DC metro area, for a student who demonstrates financial need. Preference also be given to students who are from or have close ties to Iowa and would not otherwise have the opportunity to obtain such an internship. A description of potential internship organizations is available [here](#).

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

- Two awards of \$4,000 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.

La Suer Stahle Law Stipend

- Must be in an unpaid public interest internship in Washington, DC.

Stanley & Gail Richards Fund in Support of Disability Programs

- 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.
 - Please use our [template](#) to submit a supplemental essay with your application if you are applying for the:
 - Jeff Borns Public Interest Rule of Law Award
 - Katherine Finn Milleman Memorial 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 and the application will remain open while funds remain.
- Specialized grant application deadline: April 1, 2025.

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.