**Equal Justice Works**
**2023 Summer Stipend Application**

For purposes of the Equal Justice Works Summer Stipend, “public interest law” is defined as working to represent the public by addressing the needs of people, groups, or causes not easily or effectively afforded traditional access to the justice system.  This includes a multitude of different types of governmental, legal aid, and not-for-profit entities and opportunities.

Students working in a non-paid or low-paying public interest legal position for the Summer are invited to apply for this financial assistance.  Direct service, impact work, and public policy projects are all eligible for the EJW Summer Stipend as long as the student will be working under the supervision of an attorney.  Employers can include non-profit or governmental organizations, however these grants cannot be used to fund judicial clerkships or any work for which you are receiving academic credit from Stetson or any other institution.  You must have already received a job offer before applying for the stipend.

The monetary amount of each stipend awarded will depend on the anticipated expenses of the applicant and the total amount of funding available for disbursement but are generally between $100-$500 with larger amounts occasionally being awarded.  Please do not rely on this stipend as the sole source of funding for your Summer.  Applicants who are awarded money will be given the opportunity to provide receipts justifying expenses exceeding the stipend amount (for example rent, utilities, travel, parking, etc.) in order to prevent a 1099 documenting the stipend as taxable income.

 Please pay special attention to the “Commitment to Equal Justice Works” statement at the end of the application.  Stipend recipients are required to make a commitment to EJW for the 2023-2024 school year, typically by assisting with the Equal Justice Works Silent Auction, in order to ensure the continued promotion of public interest legal work and the future availability of these stipends for Stetson students.

***Completed applications must e-mailed to*** ***studentaffairs@law.stetson.edu*** ***no later than 5:00pm Thursday, June 1st***

Please contact studentaffairs@law.stetson.edu with any questions.

**Applicant Information**

 **Name:**

 **Address:**

**Summer Mailing Address (if different):**

**Phone Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Year in School and Anticipated Graduation Date:**

**Commitment to Equal Justice Works**

In order for Equal Justice Works to remain an organization that supports students committed to public interest legal work, we must retain the ability to provide Summer scholarships through annual fundraising activities.  In order to do so, we must have strong leadership and a commitment to provide the same opportunity we are offering you today.

**With your receipt of an EJW Summer Stipend, you must agree to be assist with the EJW Silent Auction (or alternate fundraiser, should the Silent Auction not occur), during the 2023-2024 academic year.  You should expect to dedicate approximately 10-15 hours toward fundraising for next year’s EJW stipends.**

Not following through with this commitment after receiving a stipend could be cause for Conduct Code action or a request for your stipend amount to be returned.

***By signing below, you are agreeing to be bound to the commitment above.***

***Signature:***

***Name:***

***Date:***

**Public Interest Position Information**

**Name of Organization:**

**Your Position:**

**Supervisor’s Name and Contact Information:**

**Describe the type of work you will be doing:**

**Is your position secure regardless of this potential funding?    YES         NO**

**Are you receiving academic credit for your position?    YES         NO**

**Are you taking summer courses and therefore eligible for financial aid?    YES         NO**

**Will you be receiving any compensation for your position?    YES         NO**
**\*If yes, please provide details here:**

 **How does your position fit within EJW’s definition of “public interest law” (see page 1)?**

**How many weeks will you be working and how many hours per week?**
**\*If experience is local, please include how many days per week you will be traveling as well as the number of miles you will travel, per day**

**Do you have any other Summer obligations (academic, professional, extra-curricular, etc)?**

**Summer Expenses**

**What are your anticipated monthly expenses related to your Public Service Position, during the Summer?  Please be as detailed as possible and include whether your position will require a temporary move, new housing, travel, or other extraordinary expenses (please include dollar amounts).**

**Do you have any other funding for this position (salary, other grants or scholarships, etc)?**

 **Are there any other circumstances that may affect your financial situation this Summer?**

**Public Interest Experience**

 **Describe your past and/or current involvement(s) with public interest work (both legal and non-legal):**

**Additional Comments:**

 **Please add or any comments or rationale regarding why you should be awarded an Equal Justice Works Summer Stipend:**