

Public Interest Law Project Summer Award

Awards & Requirements		
<i>Criteria</i>	Full-Time Summer Award	Part-Time Summer Award
Award Amount	\$3,500 - \$5,000	\$1,750 - \$2,500
Summer Public Interest Work (<i>commitment</i>)	>350 hours	>175 hours
PILP Fundraising Volunteer Work	15 hours	15 hours
Pro Bono and/or Community Service Work*	15 hours*	15 hours*
Enrollment	Lewis & Clark Law Student, enrolled after summer work	
GPA Requirement	>2.0	
Previous PILP Award Recipient	Previous recipients will not be eligible to receive this award	
Application Availability	Late February	
Host Organization Requirements	Must be a non-profit or NGO, government office, or tribal entity	
	For legal work: must provide attorney supervision For law-related work: supervisor with a JD strongly preferred	

* *Must have completed at least 30 hours of volunteer work during the current school year. 15 hours must be specifically PILP hours, and an additional 15 hours must be PILP or pro bono/community service, any combination.*

Summer Award Details

- Award amounts may vary based on special circumstances including the distance to the host and the cost of living where the host is located. Awards may be less than requested. Once awards are announced, student may decline to accept.
- If a host or a third party supplies partial funding, PILP funding will not increase the recipient's total summer funding beyond \$5,000 (full-time) or \$2,500 (part-time).

Recipient Obligations

1. Recipients must submit a photo and one-page essay in September describing their work.
2. Recipients must chair a PILP Fundraising Committee the year following receipt of award.
3. Additional PILP volunteer hours may be required.

Application Evaluation Criteria

(1) Commitment to Public Interest

- Describe your personal commitment to public interest work
- Why is the work your organization does important to you?

(2) Organizational Effect

- Describe the nature of the organization for which you plan to work.
- How does the type of work your organization further the interests/rights/protections of the public?
- What communities does your organization serve and what impact does it have on those communities?

(3) Community Engagement

- Of what communities have you been a part in the past few years and how have you engaged with those communities to further their interests and needs?
- Are there circumstances or challenges you have had to navigate that prevent you from engaging with your communities to the full extent you would like?

(4) Furthering Equity

- Does your potential work further the values of equity in the field(s) of law in which you will practice?
- How will you incorporate the values of equity in your work with your organization?
- How will you advocate for incorporating the values of equity into the work of the organization?

(5) Financial Need

- Is your potential position funded in part or completely unfunded?
- Do you receive financial support other than loans?
- On what will your PILP award be spent this summer?
- How would you cover expenses if you are not awarded a full PILP award?

Payment and Taxes

Awards may be taxable income paid as a Prize or Award. There is no tax withholding on PILP Awards and Lewis & Clark must report payment via IRS Form 1099-MISC; recipients will be responsible for saving funds to pay state and federal income tax if any is due.

The Power to Revoke and Recoup

The PILP Executive Board may revoke and recoup an award at any time upon a finding of a substantial misrepresentation in an application. The PILP Executive Board shall have the power to resolve all disputes regarding PILP Award eligibility that arise during the academic year.

Nondiscrimination

PILP will not knowingly fund positions with hosts who discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, handicap, disability, sexual orientation, marital, premarital, veteran's status or the prejudice of clients.

Questions

If you have any questions about a potential application, please reach out to Stephanie Grayce, Director of Awards at sgrayce@lclark.edu