

2008 STANFORD LAW SCHOOL SUMMER PUBLIC INTEREST FUNDING PROGRAM

Stanford Law School strongly encourages students to engage in public interest work and provides summer funding grants for students with financial need.

- First-year and advanced degree students are guaranteed a \$5,000 grant and second-year students are guaranteed \$10,000.
- To establish eligibility, students must meet both of the following criteria:
 - Work full-time for at least ten (10) weeks in a law-related public interest position during the summer¹ AND
 - Have at least \$8,500 in eligibility for need-based loans in the 2008-2009 school year.²

Funds for this program are pooled from several sources:

- Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation (SPILF), an independent, charitable organization, allocates funds to support summer work in the public interest. Funds are raised by students through the *Bid for Justice Auction*, an annual student summer pledge drive, and alumni donations.³ SPILF is not involved in choosing the students who actually receive summer funding. **After graduation, summer funding recipients are expected to contribute to SPILF if they do not work in public interest or when they are financially able to repay.**⁴
- Stanford Law School Summer Program Funds: Summer funding is also made possible through generous donations from the Kenneth & Harle Montgomery Public Interest Grant Program, the Folger, Levin & Kahn Public Interest Fellowship, the Rothfeld Scholarship Fund, and the Isaac & Madeline Stein Public Service Fellowship.
- Federal Work-Study Program: The Law School receives work-study money from the University and dedicates the allocation to summer funding.

We encourage students to try to secure funding over the summer funding amount from employer contributions and/or outside summer funding programs. Outside funds may result in a reduction of the Stanford Law School grant as students may not receive more than \$10,000 from all sources for the summer. Students who receive \$10,000 or more in outside funds will no longer be eligible for our grant.

Summer employment funds will be disbursed every two weeks upon submission of a completed timesheet. **They are subject to tax withholding.** Special arrangements are available for foreign placements

¹ This includes jobs with tax-exempt 501 organizations, government entities and some private, public interest law firms. Students who undertake judicial internships are not eligible for Summer Public Interest Employment Funds. Applicants are not required to have either received an official offer or accepted a position by the application deadline. Students without offers will still be included in the eligibility pool. However, employment verification must be made prior to fund disbursement.

² All financial data to be considered will be limited to the upcoming academic year. Note: 57% of summer earnings above \$6,000 will be counted as available for contribution to financial resources for the following academic year. Please see the Financial Aid office if you have questions about how the SLS grant and outside funding may impact your financial aid package.

³ SPILF is dedicated to providing legal services to the underrepresented, and one way the organization does that is to support and encourage Stanford law students to work in the public interest during and after law school. When summer funding recipients graduate and are able to replenish SPILF funds, it allows the foundation to prosper and continue its mission. Currently, alumni contributions constitute approximately 1/3 of the annual budget.

⁴ SPILF members are ineligible to receive any SPILF-raised funds, but may receive awards pooled from the other two sources listed here.

**2008 STANFORD LAW SCHOOL
SUMMER PUBLIC INTEREST FUNDING PROGRAM APPLICATION**

**This form, together with a resume, MUST be submitted to Room 10,
by WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2008.**

Name: _____

CLASS 2009 2010 JSD Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Student ID: _____

Employment Eligibility Status:

- 1) Have you accepted a summer job offer yet? Yes No

- 2) If so, with what organization/agency and what location? _____

- 3) If not, what type of public interest/government/internship are you seeking? _____

Funding Status:

- 1) Will you receive any salary, matching funds, or stipends from your employer?
 Yes No
If so, how much: \$ _____

- 2) Will you receive any other outside grant funds or salaries from other paid employment?
 Yes No If so, how much:
From grants: \$ _____ From other employment: \$ _____

- 3) How many weeks do you plan to work this summer? _____

Acknowledgments:

1. I will work full-time for at least ten weeks in law-related public interest work this summer.⁵

2. I understand that my eligibility for funding is dependent upon the determination of my financial need. I hereby authorize the Stanford Law School Financial Aid Office to compute my financial need and release the results to Stanford Law School administrators for the sole purpose of this application.

⁵ Any student failing to work for a minimum of ten weeks will be deemed to have earned \$5,000 or the amount of the full summer funding award for purposes of calculating financial resources for the following year. In addition, such failure may result in a reduction of Stanford University support of law school work-study funding in the future.

3. I understand that should I receive money from an employer or outside funding program totaling \$10,000 or more, I am ineligible to receive Summer Public Interest Employment Funds and will withdraw my application. Outside funds may result in a reduction of the Stanford Law School grant so that I receive no more than \$10,000 from all sources for the summer.
4. I understand that I must submit each of the following in order to receive funding:
 - a. **Application Form - due April 2**
 - b. **Resume - due April 2**
 - c. **Offer of Employment Letter - due April 16** An Offer of Employment letter must be submitted before any funds can be disbursed.
5. I understand that I am required to attend the summer funding workshop on **April 22, 2008**.
6. I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure the above documents are in my file with the Levin Center staff.
7. I understand that I will be required to complete federal work-study documents and to submit time sheets to receive Summer Public Interest Employment Funds in a timely manner.
8. I understand that I will be required to research and draft a Resource Memo, listing the contact information and briefly describing the work of organizations in the region of the country/world that perform work in similar areas of concentration (e.g., education, children's rights, criminal) as my summer organization. This memo must be returned to Levin Center Staff by the end of summer.
9. I understand that I will be required to submit a Public Interest Summer Job Evaluation at the end of my summer clerkship.
10. I understand that my last funding disbursement will be withheld pending submission of the Resource Memo and Evaluation.
11. I recognize that SPILF is a non-profit organization, dependent upon donations from students and alumni. If I accept a SPILF summer grant, I will repay SPILF if I do not work in a public interest job for five years following graduation from law school, or when I am financially able to repay.

My signature below affirms the accuracy of this application and my understanding of acknowledgments.

Signature

Date

**This form, together with a resume, MUST be submitted to Room 10,
by 12:30 pm on Wednesday, APRIL 2, 2008.**