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APPLICATION TO BE SELECTED AS A PUBLIC INTEREST LAW SCHOLAR

Entering Full- or Part-Time First Year JD applicants

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Maiden/Former Name
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NOTE: This form is not a necessary part of an application to the Law Center. Complete and submit this form only if you want to be considered for selection as a Public Interest Law Scholar.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS FORM

1. Read carefully the description of the Program in this publication and the more detailed "Benefits and Obligations of a Public Interest Law Scholar" on the next page.

2. Complete and sign this form and attach the pages requested. Do not include it with the rest of your application. Instead, send it in a separate envelope to: Public Interest Law Scholars Program, c/o Office of Public Interest and Community Service, Georgetown University Law Center, 600 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Room 212, Washington, DC 20001-2075. Applications are due February 2. Early application is welcome and may enhance the likelihood of acceptance into the Program; consideration of applications received after February 2 is possible but is not guaranteed.

3. Attach on separate pages your answers to each of the following questions. Begin each answer on a separate sheet of paper. Be sure that your name is on each sheet.

A. Describe your interest in and commitment to practicing public interest law. Include a statement regarding how certain you are that you want to become a public interest lawyer. You may submit a copy of the "personal statement" you sent to the Admissions Office, if that statement responds to this question, or you may write a separate statement.

B. List the public interest or public service activities in which you have participated. Include both compensated and uncompensated work. For each activity, please include the dates of your participation, the number of hours per week or month you worked, and a short description of what you did.

C. If you were employed during most of the academic year for more than ten hours per week while enrolled in your undergraduate institution, and this employment is not listed in the description of your public service work, please specify the year(s) during which you were so employed and the number of hours of your employment per week. If you were not employed for more than ten hours per week, omit this attachment.

D. Please attach a resume.

BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM AND OBLIGATIONS OF A PUBLIC INTEREST LAW SCHOLAR

1. The student will receive a scholarship covering up to one-third of the Law Center's annual tuition. When accepting admission to the Program, the student will make a moral commitment (a) to spend most or all of his or her career as a public interest lawyer (in nonprofit organizations, governments, international bodies, or intergovernmental organizations), beginning shortly after graduation or a judicial clerkship, or (b) to make a donation to the Law Center in at least the amount of the scholarship. To continue to qualify for scholarship assistance, the student will have to participate in the activities of the Program and maintain a "B" average. Note that scholarship funds are only paid for semesters during which Scholars are studying at Georgetown or at schools in other countries through Georgetown's semester abroad program.

2. The Scholar is assigned a faculty advisor who is interested in public interest law. Each Scholar meets with the advisor several times a year to discuss curriculum choices, career options, and topics of the Scholar's choice.

3. The Scholar is assigned a public interest mentor--a public interest lawyer in the Washington, D.C., area who meets with the Scholar periodically for informal conversation. A Scholar may occasionally be invited to observe the mentor's work in his or her office, in courts and in legislatures.

4. During the Scholar's first year at the Law Center, he or she participates in an introductory non-credit seminar on public interest law. During the upper years of law study, the Scholar takes two other specially required courses:

   - a course on the ethical issues arising in the work of lawyers in government and nonprofit organizations. This course satisfies the Law Center's requirement, imposed on all students, for a course in professional responsibility.
   - a course on Public Interest Advocacy. In this course, students examine the political, economic, ethical and strategic issues involved in representing indigent or ideological clients in courts, agencies, legislatures, private negotiations, international tribunals, and other fora.

   In addition, the Scholar must satisfy the Law Center's writing requirement by taking any of the following: (a) a clinic for which writing credit is awarded; (b) a seminar for which writing credit is awarded and which is listed by the Office of the Assistant Deans as one that satisfies the requirements of this Program; or (c) an approved independent research and writing assignment, on a public interest topic, under the supervision of a faculty member.

5. In addition to the scholarship award, each Scholar is offered a grant for one summer of employment in full-time, law-related work at a governmental or nonprofit institution. These grants have enabled Scholars to begin their careers in public interest law by offering to be unpaid interns at the public interest institution of their choice. Scholars have held summer jobs in public interest law throughout the nation and the world.

6. During each year the Scholar is enrolled in the Program, he or she attends several lunches and dinners at which topics in public interest law are discussed with faculty members and outside speakers.

7. During each year of law school, the Scholar engages in uncompensated public service. Each class of Scholars determines the quantity and nature of its public service work.

8. Upon graduation, Scholars are enrolled in the Public Interest Law Scholars Association. The Law Center asks them, as public interest lawyers and members of the Association, to help new generations of Scholars by providing advice to the Program and its student members.

I would like to be selected as a Public Interest Law Scholar. I have read the description of the Program on the website at *www.law.georgetown.edu/clinics/pils/* and the "Benefits of the Program and Obligations of a Public Interest Law Scholar" (above). If I am selected, I will take the required courses and participate in all of the other activities of the Program.

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

Mailing Address (please type, if possible) _____ City/State _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____

E-mail Address _____

Telephone numbers at which you can be reached between now and next April

Indicate mobile, home and any work telephone numbers or other telephone numbers at which you might be reached:

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