

Public Service Scholars Program 2016-2017

APPLY NOW

The William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law is pleased to announce the Public Service Scholars Program for 2016-2017. The program will provide \$4000 scholarships for up to 4 second and third year students with a demonstrated commitment to studying and working in public service and promoting it at the Law School. “Public service” for this program includes legal work in non-profit, pro bono, government and legislative settings.

Public Service Scholars will be selected based on their commitment to public service, involvement in student organizations, pro bono service, financial need, and academic credentials. Each student selected as a Scholar is expected to work closely with the Justice Center during the 2016-2017 academic year (approximately 8-10 hours per month). The Scholars serve on the Justice Center Student Advisory Board, which meets regularly to advise the Center about programming, speakers, student awards, and outreach to student organizations. The Scholars attend and assist with events and conferences sponsored by the Center, publicize Center events and initiatives, serve as mentors to students and Center liaisons to student organizations, and are encouraged to initiate programs and projects.

Scholars are required to sign an agreement before funds are disbursed. Each Scholar agrees to attend Student Advisory Board meetings and Justice Center events; to sign and fulfill the pro bono pledge and participate in pro bono activities; to suggest and help plan Justice Center programs; and to identify and help execute other initiatives that promote the culture of service at the law school. The Student Advisory Board meets 4-5 times each semester, often at 8 am. Attendance is mandatory.

Scholars who are selected in their 2L year are encouraged to participate on the Student Advisory Board in their 3L year.

For more information about the scholarship program and past recipients, see <http://www.utlawjusticecenter.org/activities/publicservice.html>

For more information about the Student Advisory Board to the Justice Center, see <http://www.utlawjusticecenter.org/about/studentadvisory.html>

Questions may be directed to: Mary Crouter, Assistant Director, William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law, mcrouter@law.utexas.edu, (512) 232-7855

Application Deadline: Noon on Friday, August 26, 2016. (Finalists may be asked to appear for an interview. Recipients will be announced by Friday, September 2.)

Application Information:

Students in their second or third year of law school are invited to apply by submitting the following in PDF format to the Justice Center (512-232-6277) via email at justicecenter@law.utexas.edu:

1. An essay (two to three double-spaced pages) describing your commitment to public service, your involvement in law school student organizations, and your goals for serving on the Justice Center Student Advisory Board;
2. A one-paragraph description of your educational debt;
3. A one-paragraph description of your pro bono work during law school (make sure that you have logged all your pro bono hours on Symplicity);
4. Resume;
5. Law school transcript;
6. List of courses for the fall semester;
7. List of three references (including address and phone), preferably including one UT Law faculty member.

Due by noon on Friday, August 26, 2016.

Past Public Service Scholar's Comment:

“Serving on the Student Advisory Board has been a wonderful experience! It has allowed me to play a role in shaping the public interest programming at the law school. I appreciate that the William Wayne Justice Center, and other stakeholders around the school, are interested in involving students in the decision-making process for the public interest community and I’m honored to have participated in this process. Working with the Student Advisory Board has provided me with the opportunity to shape my experience at the law school and to use that experience to better provide for incoming public interest oriented students.”

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