



**Announcement to 2L Students  
The Wyss Scholars Program for the Conservation  
of the American West**

**Lewis & Clark Law School  
Environmental, Natural Resources, & Energy Law Program**

Lewis & Clark Law School was selected in 2017 to be part of the Wyss Scholars Program. Funded by the Wyss Foundation, a private, charitable foundation dedicated to land conservation in the Intermountain West, the Wyss Scholars Program seeks to identify and support a new generation of leaders focused on western land conservation issues. The selected Lewis & Clark Scholar will receive financial support during their 2L summer, 3L year and post-graduation. Lewis & Clark is one of the only law schools in the country selected for this program.

Applications are available to second year law students currently enrolled at and planning to graduate from Lewis & Clark Law School and who are committed to careers as conservationists of western land with a federal, state or tribal land management agency or a non-profit conservation group working in the defined region (see below). One Wyss Scholar will be selected from Lewis & Clark Law School each year on the basis of their leadership potential and academic strength and their commitment to furthering land conservation in the Intermountain West.

**Application Eligibility:**

Applicants must be matriculated J.D. degree candidates in their second year at Lewis & Clark Law School with United States citizenship or permanent residency status. Applicants must demonstrate an interest in a summer job following their 2L year and a post-graduate position with a federal or state land management agency or a non-profit conservation group with focus on the Intermountain West defined as Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. **Top grades are a requirement. Eligible candidates must not have any grade lower than a B-. Financial need will also be considered.**



The selection committee will also consider relevant current and planned coursework and past and planned experiences in land conservation.

### **Application Process and Deadlines:**

By December 14, 2018, Noon

Submit e-mail indicating intent to apply to Janice Weis, Associate Dean & Director, Environmental, Natural Resources, & Energy Law Program at [jweis@lclark.edu](mailto:jweis@lclark.edu)

\*By January 15, 2019, Noon

Submit application materials via a single PDF document to Wyss Scholar Selection Committee at [jweis@lclark.edu](mailto:jweis@lclark.edu)

By January 25, 2019

Interviewees will be determined

January 30, 2019

Interviews will be conducted

The successful candidate will be notified as shortly after the interviews as possible.

The selection committee will include staff and faculty of Lewis & Clark's environmental law program.

**\*Early applications are encouraged.**



**Application Items:** Combine all checked items into one document, save as a PDF and email to the Wyss Scholar Selection Committee at [jweis@lclark.edu](mailto:jweis@lclark.edu) Follow instructions below, regarding the letter of recommendation. All items must be received by the application deadline. If you are unable to combine all items, need to submit in another format, or otherwise need assistance, please contact **Kelly Novahom, Program Coordinator, Environmental, Natural Resources, & Energy Law at (503) 768-6784** or [knovahom@lclark.edu](mailto:knovahom@lclark.edu).

The Application should include the following information:

- Completed application form (include the name of a LC law faculty member who can speak most knowledgeably about you as a future Wyss Scholar - see form on page 5.)
- Resume
- No more than a 500 word **essay** detailing your past, present, and future commitment to the field of conservation in the U.S. Intermountain West, your potential for future leadership in the area, and how becoming a Wyss Scholar will enhance your career development in the conservation law field.
- Unofficial transcript from Lewis & Clark Law School
- List of courses you are registered to take spring semester 2018 and courses planned for your 3L year
- Description of summer 2018 jobs you are exploring (or position you may already have)
- Need Analysis (form on page 6)
- A **letter of recommendation** discussing your potential as a future conservation leader emailed directly from the recommender to [jweis@lclark.edu](mailto:jweis@lclark.edu) (this should be different than the faculty member you identify above and can be from a professional or other experience or can be from another faculty member)



### **Wyss Scholar Award:**

- ❑ Over \$30,000 in tuition assistance for 3L year;
- ❑ Stipend (\$5,000) for a summer position after 2L year with a nonprofit or public-sector conservation organization dedicated to the Intermountain West;
- ❑ Membership in the Wyss Scholars network;
- ❑ While in school, ability to apply for up to \$3,000 from the Wyss Scholars' Small Grants Program to propose professional development events (e.g., on campus speakers or training opportunities for Scholars and other students)
- ❑ Post-Graduation Payment #1: \$18,358.13 (available after 12 months in qualified position). Payment #2: \$18,358.13 (available after 24 months in qualified position) plus 20% tax burden relief of \$7,343.25

**For further information, please contact:**

**Janice Weis, Associate Dean & Director,  
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**Application Cover Sheet Year 2018-2019**

*[Please type or print legibly]*

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ The name of the faculty member who can speak most knowledgably about you as a future Wyss Scholar.

Faculty member: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Name of person sending your **letter of recommendation** concerning your potential as a future conservation leader\*\*\*:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*\*this should be different than the faculty member you identify above and can be from a professional or other experience or can be from another faculty member*



## Need Analysis for Scholarships

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**If 2018 tax information is not yet available you may use 2017 information and estimate.**

### *I. Family Information*

Number of Dependents: \_\_\_\_

Ages: \_\_\_\_

Marital status \_\_\_\_\_

State of legal residence \_\_\_\_\_

### *II. Financial Information (use 2017 tax information if available)*

Adjusted gross income for past calendar year \_\_\_\_\_

Welfare, AFDC or ADC \_\_\_\_\_

Child support (for all children) \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security benefits  
(include Supplemental Security Income) \_\_\_\_\_

### *III. Assets*

Total amount of cash, savings and  
checking accounts as of today \_\_\_\_\_

Other support you will receive at any time  
during your enrollment at Lewis & Clark Law School (include scholarships and loans)

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