

2022 Summer Award Application Public Interest Law Project



Student Information

Name: _____ Year in Law School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of Host Organization: _____

Deadline

Submit this Application in a single PDF emailed to the Director of Public Interest Law (lexiezirschky@lclark.edu) by Monday, April 4, 2022, **at 4:00pm**:

- This Application (completed and signed *by both the student and the host*)
- Personal Statement
- Organizational Effect Statement
- Statement of Financial Need and Funding Factors
- PILP Volunteer & Community Service Hours Report

Student Certification

I certify that all information supplied in this application and the attachments is accurate and I agree, if selected, to meet the obligations listed under "Recipient Obligations" on Page 2.

Student's Signature

Date



Description

Purpose

The PILP award opens doors to summer public interest work for all students, regardless of their ability to afford to take on volunteer work. PILP strives to provide non-profits, governmental offices, and tribal organizations with top-notch legal interns while inspiring the next generation of public interest legal professionals.

Award Amounts

Full-time awards offer between \$3,500 and \$5,000 of funding. Students seeking a full-time award must commit to completing at least 350 hours of work over the summer. A student may also work part-time. Part-time awards offer between \$1,750 and \$2,500 of funding. Students seeking a part-time award must commit to completing at least 175 hours of work over the summer.

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, students may decline an award.

If the host organization or a third party supplies partial funding, PILP will not provide funds beyond the amount that increases the recipient's total funding to \$5,000 for a full-time position or \$2,500 for a part-time position.

Recipient Obligations

- Recipients *must* chair a PILP committee the year following receipt of the PILP Award.
- Recipients *must* submit a photo and one-page essay in September describing their work.
- Additional PILP volunteer hours may be required as a recipient. See discussion related to hours under student eligibility.
- Recipients *must* attend the auction, unless the PILP President approves of the recipient's absence.

Student Eligibility

- Must be a Lewis & Clark Law School student with a 2.0 GPA or higher.
- Must have completed at least one year of law school by June of the application year.
- Must be enrolled in Lewis & Clark Law School at least one semester during the school year following the summer award work.
- Must have completed at least 12 hours of volunteer work for PILP during the current school year.
- Must not be a previous recipient of a PILP Award.

Host Eligibility

- Must be a non-profit or non-governmental organization, governmental office, or tribal entity.
- Must provide attorney supervision to the student if legal work is to be completed. If policy or other law-related work is to be completed, a supervisor with a JD is strongly preferred.



Decision Criteria

(1) Commitment to Public Interest

- How does the type of work your organization does further the interests / rights / protections of the public?
- What communities does your organization serve and what impact does it have on those communities?
- Why is the work your organization does important to you?

(2) 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?

(3) 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?

(4) 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 & Taxes

Awards are taxable income paid as a Prize or Award. There is no tax withholding on award 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 retains the power to revoke and recoup an award at any time upon a finding of substantial misrepresentation in a student's application. The PILP Executive Board has the power to resolve all disputes regarding PILP Award eligibility that arise during the academic year.

Questions & Additional Information

- Lexie Zirschky, Director of Public Interest Law, lexiezirschky@lclark.edu
- Nicky Blumm, PILP's Director of Award Board Relations, nickyblumm@lclark.edu
- PILP's website, https://law.lclark.edu/student_groups/public_interest_law_project/

Note: Applications will be reviewed anonymously. Please refrain from referring to the student by name.



Host Information

Name of Host: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Website: _____

Supervisor Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Is the supervisor admitted to practice law? Yes No

Category of host:

- Government Office
- Non-profit or Non-governmental Organization
- A qualified Indian entity as defined by Internal Revenue Code section 7873(b)

Expected Start Date: _____

Hours the student plans to work:

- Part-time: at least 175 hours over the summer
- Full-time: at least 350 hours over the summer

Host Funding

Is the host also seeking work-study funding for this student? Yes No

Does the host intend to contribute any funding in addition to the PILP Award amount?

- Yes No

If so, how much? _____

Host Certification of Non-discrimination

I _____ (Supervisor) acknowledge that _____ (Host) does not discriminate in hiring on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, handicap or disability, sexual orientation, gender identity marital, parental, veteran status, or the prejudice of clients.

Awards are paid to students through Lewis & Clark's payroll; hosts are encouraged to consider whether their local laws require them to cover student workers under their workers' compensation policies.

Host Supervisor Signature _____

Date _____



Application Components

Personal Statement

- Attach a statement of no more than two pages (double spaced, 12 pt font) describing the Decision Criteria listed on page 3. Please focus on your commitment to public interest, community engagement, and furthering equity in your statement.
- You may reflect on your financial need and circumstance in the sections below.

Organizational Effect Statement

- Attach a statement of no more than two pages (double spaced, 12 pt font), describing the nature of the organization for which you plan to work. Please focus on the organization's role in the community, impacts, and general effect on public interest.

Award Request

- See the "Award Amount" section on Page 2 for information about award amounts. Any host or third-party funding will reduce the maximum PILP Award available.
- Amount of the requested PILP Award: \$ _____
- Consider potential taxes and withholding noted on page 2 when determining the amount to request.

Other Funding

- Total amount expected from sources other the PILP Award or your host: \$ _____

Statement of Financial Need and Funding Factors

- In less than a page, please address the Award Committee regarding your financial need, more general financial circumstances, and any less traditional financial information which might assist the committee in providing you an appropriate award.

PILP Fundraising & Community Service Hours Report

- On the following page, please report your total PILP fundraising & community service hours; to be awarded a stipend, you must complete a minimum of 15 PILP hours and 15 hours of community service. If you lack hours and would like to submit a statement explaining why you were unable to meet the hour requirements, your application still may be considered.

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PILP Fundraising & Community Service Hours Report



Please complete this form.

Hours

PILP Fundraising	Hours	Community Service Activity	Hours
Total PILP Fundraising Hours		Total Community Service Hours	

Duties

Briefly describe your PILP fundraising volunteer activities:

Certification

I hereby certify that the hours reported on this form and statements elsewhere in this application are true and accurate.

Award Applicant _____

Date _____