

The Public Interest Law Scholarship is the most prestigious award offered by Northeastern University School of Law. Recipients possess an outstanding academic profile, show a strong commitment to social justice and demonstrate a real desire to pursue public interest law.

To be considered for the full tuition Public Interest Law Scholarship, with an additional \$3,000 public interest co-op stipend, applicants must first gain admission to the law school.

The scholarship application deadline is January 15, 2012. Thus, the law school application must be complete by this date in order to be eligible for this scholarship.

SELECTION PROCESS

Finalists for the scholarship will be asked to come to campus on March 30, 2012, for an interview with members of the selection committee. Offers will be made by mid-April, 2012. Applicants have two business days to accept or decline the award. If an applicant is offered and accepts the scholarship, all applications to other law schools must be withdrawn.

The superb academic performance of applicants, along with their experience in public interest work, is carefully considered by the committee. Candidates must demonstrate a clear understanding of why they want to study and practice law, and how their goals connect to the social justice mission of the law school and their desire to pursue careers in public interest law. The committee also considers the leadership potential of candidates, as well as the diversity of their backgrounds.

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____

LSAC #: _____

Students who wish to be considered for the Public Interest Law Scholarship must submit the following materials directly to the School of Law with a postmark no later than January 15, 2012:

■ Public Interest Law Scholarship Application

■ Public Interest Experience/Work

Please submit a list of all activities that are related to your public interest experience. Relevant experiences may be volunteer or paid positions and may go back as far as your high school years. Please list these experiences in a grid with the name of the organization, type of activity and dates/time spent in each activity.

■ Public Interest Essay

Please discuss, in no more than two pages, your view of the role of the law as a vehicle for influencing social change. Please focus on your professional and/or personal experiences with a specific social issue. How do you expect the knowledge you gain from legal studies to advance your ability to address this or similar issues?

■ Optional Letter(s) of Reference (up to two)

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