

University of Michigan Law School APALSA 1L PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP 2011 APPLICATION

Fellowship Application EXTENDED Deadline: Sunday, March 6, by 11:59 PM

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your interest in the APALSA 1L Public Interest Fellowship. The Asian Pacific American Law Students Association ("APALSA"), through the Fellowship, provides grants to University of Michigan Law School students who are in their first-year of law school, are dues-paying members of APALSA, and work in unpaid or low-paid summer jobs benefiting the public interest and the Asian Pacific American community. All applicants for the 2011 APALSA 1L Public Interest Fellowship grant must complete this application and sign the Applicant's Certification at the end of this form.

All questions must be fully answered. Applicants are encouraged to attach additional pages if necessary to explain any answer(s). By submitting this application, the applicant consents to verification of the information furnished herein.

All finalists *may* be asked to provide a brief personal interview via telephone as a condition of further consideration.

A completed application consists of the following:

- Section I: Applicant Information
- Section II: Employer Information & Job Description
- Section III: Résumé & Personal Statement
- Section IV: Applicant's Certification.

All applications must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 6 to kristliu@umich.edu and cbibiana@umich.edu. Applications will be evaluated by the APALSA Fellowship Committee with all identifying information redacted.

The awards will be presented at the Fifth Annual Origins Banquet on Friday, March 25, 2011. Applicants must be present at the banquet to receive the award, unless attendance is specifically waived by APALSA Executive Board on the basis of compelling extenuating circumstances.

Questions should be directed to Kristina Liu (kristliu@umich.edu) and Cara Wall (cbibiana@umich.edu).

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the APALSA Fellowship, the applicant must be a current first-year law student at the University of Michigan Law School who has paid dues for the 2010-2011 academic year to APALSA, and must work in a public interest job in a legal capacity during the summer of 2011. Applicants may apply for the grant whether or not they have applied for paying summer jobs in addition to public interest jobs. The application requires that the applicant list all possible paid jobs they are considering and their top two public interest jobs. The applicant may receive up to, but no more than, \$6,500 in summer earnings, including the APALSA Fellowship, to remain eligible for APALSA funding. Recipients must provide written confirmation of their summer employment with their public interest organization before the grant will be paid to them.

JOB ELIGIBILITY

APALSA defines "public interest" jobs as jobs that provide services to underrepresented persons or interests, to the government (including judicial internships), or to non-profit entities serving community interests.

What are APALSA's job eligibility criteria?

To be eligible for consideration for an APALSA grant, a job must be:

- with a non-profit organization or a government agency (including judicial internships),
- consistent with our definition of public interest, and
- one in which the student will work a minimum of 8 weeks *and* a total of at least 320 hours over the summer.

Are there any jobs that do not qualify for APALSA funding?

Yes. Regardless of whether they meet the above criteria, APALSA will not fund:

- work for any politician, political party, or other entity in association with an election for public office;
- work for which the political support or other affiliation of the student is a prerequisite for employment consideration;
- work for a for-profit law firm or corporate entity.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Upon the conclusion of their summer employment, recipients must submit a typed evaluation of their experience in their APALSA-funded position by October 1, 2011 or by a later-announced deadline. In addition, applicants who receive a grant for their first-year summer should be willing to serve as future judges for the APALSA Fellowship.

SECTION I
APPLICANT INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Name: _____
2. Current Mailing Address:
Street: _____ Apt.: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone: (____) _____
E-mail: _____
3. Permanent Address:
Street: _____ Apt.: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone: (____) _____
E-mail: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

3. *High School*
Name: _____
City: _____ State: _____
4. *Undergraduate Institution*
Name: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Dates of Attendance: _____ to _____ Date of Graduation: _____
Honors, Awards, or Special Recognitions: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

5. *Graduate Institution (other than law school)*
Name: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Dates of Attendance: _____ to _____ Date of Graduation: _____
Honors, Awards, or Special Recognitions: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

6. *Law School*

Anticipated date of graduation: _____

Honors, Awards, or Special Recognitions: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

7. Have you previously attended any other law school? _____

If so, please explain _____

SECTION II
EMPLOYER INFORMATION & JOB DESCRIPTION

Public Interest Employer 1:

Organization's Name _____

Contact Person _____

Tel. _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Do you have an offer yet? Yes _____ No _____

If not, when do you expect to hear from Employer 1? _____

Can Employer 1 provide financial support? Yes _____ No _____ Unknown _____

If so, how much? _____

Describe the organization and its mission (200 word limit):

Describe the specific work you are likely to perform with this organization and how that work provides legal services that benefit **both** the Asian Pacific American community and the public interest (200 word limit):

Public Interest Employer 2 (if applicable):

Organization's Name _____

Contact Person _____

Tel. _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Do you have an offer yet? Yes _____ No _____

If not, when do you expect to hear from Employer 2? _____

Can Employer 1 provide financial support? Yes _____ No _____ Unknown _____

If so, how much? _____

Describe the organization and its mission (200 word limit):

Describe the specific work you are likely to perform with this organization and how that work provides legal services that benefit the Asian Pacific American community and the public interest (200 word limit):

Note: The Fellowship Judges will evaluate your application based on the jobs you describe herein. If you do not take one of the jobs you identify, you will be required to submit an amendment to your application identifying and describing your proposed job.

PAID SUMMER EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Please list any paid summer employers you may be working for during the summer. You may apply for the APALSA Fellowship whether or not you have applied to paying jobs in addition to public interest jobs.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

SECTION III
RESUME & PERSONAL STATEMENT

RESUME

Please provide a copy of your current résumé.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please discuss how your past experiences, current activities, and future goals comport with your dedication to the Asian Pacific American community and public interest (500 word limit).

SECTION IV
APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

I am applying for the APALSA 1L Public Interest Fellowship for the summer of 2011. In submitting this application, I certify my agreement to all the following conditions:

1. To the best of my knowledge, all of the information submitted in support of my APALSA Fellowship application is complete and accurate.
2. I understand that I may receive up to, but no more than, \$6,500 in summer earnings, including the APALSA Fellowship grant, to remain eligible for APALSA funding. Earnings include those from any non-law school funding source, including other employment or grants and in-kind contributions. I agree that any money earned in excess of \$6,500 will be subtracted from my APALSA grant. I agree to report such outside income.
3. If awarded an APALSA grant, I will work full-time in one of the positions listed in my application (or listed in an approved amendment to my application) for a total of **8 weeks and 320 hours**. If I do not comply with this requirement, I agree to refund my entire APALSA grant unless specifically authorized otherwise by APALSA's Board on the basis of compelling extenuating circumstances.
4. I understand that APALSA has the right to contact my employer to ensure compliance with the grant requirements.
5. I will submit to the APALSA Board a typed evaluation of my experience in my APALSA-funded position. I understand that this evaluation will be due by October 1, 2011, or by a later-announced deadline. I understand that these written statements may be used to provide information to fellow students, to educate potential donors about the public interest work that APALSA supports, and to promote APALSA.
6. I understand that if I receive a grant I may be asked to serve as a Fellowship Judge in the future.
7. I understand that my award is contingent upon my continued enrollment at the University of Michigan Law School. If I do not continue my enrollment at the University of Michigan Law School, I will refund my entire APALSA grant unless specifically authorized otherwise by APALSA's Board on the basis of compelling extenuating circumstances.
8. I understand that I may not appeal any decision made by the Fellowship Judges or APALSA's Board.
9. I have created and retained a copy of this Applicant's Certification for future reference.

I understand that failure to comply with any of the above conditions may be grounds for APALSA to remove my application from consideration, request a refund of part, or all, of my APALSA grant, or undertake other remedial action, as the APALSA Board deems appropriate.

By entering my signature, I hereby agree to the aforementioned terms and conditions of the Fellowship.

Applicant Electronic Signature (Full Name)	Applicant UM ID (XXXX XXXX)	Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

IF YOU REQUIRE ADDITIONAL WRITING SPACE, PLEASE USE THESE PAGES

(PLEASE INDICATE QUESTION NUMBER)

IF YOU REQUIRE ADDITIONAL WRITING SPACE, PLEASE USE THESE PAGES

(PLEASE INDICATE QUESTION NUMBER)

IF YOU REQUIRE ADDITIONAL WRITING SPACE, PLEASE USE THESE PAGES

(PLEASE INDICATE QUESTION NUMBER)

IF YOU REQUIRE ADDITIONAL WRITING SPACE, PLEASE USE THESE PAGES

(PLEASE INDICATE QUESTION NUMBER)