

EBLRLA Scholarship Fund – 2024 Public Interest Law Summer Stipend

Application Due Date: Sunday, May 5, 2024, 11:59 PM

The EBLRLA Scholarship Fund (the “Fund”) is a non-profit, charitable 501(c)(3) organization that was created to raise funds for scholarships for law students who live, work, or study in Alameda and/or Contra Costa counties. The Fund, in partnership with the East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association (the “Association”), invites all law students that meet the below-detailed criteria to apply for a 2024 **Public Interest Law Summer Stipend**. This year the Fund will award multiple stipends, each in an amount ranging from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Law student is placed, or searching for placement, in an **unpaid** public interest law role for the 2024 summer including at a Bay Area non-profit, legal aid, government agency (e.g., public defender, district attorney, city attorney, county counsel, etc.), or court. Preference will be given to applicants with ties to Alameda and/or Contra Costa counties.
2. Member of East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association. (Dues are only \$1 for law students: www.eblrla.org/join.)
3. Demonstrated financial need.
4. Demonstrated commitment to using the law to advance social justice.
5. Demonstrated commitment to academic success and/or leadership experience.
6. Commitment to attend EBLRLA’s Gala on October 11, 2024, at which the recipient will be recognized.

Submit your completed application form and the requested documents as a single PDF file to eblrlasf@gmail.com with “2024 Summer Stipend” in the subject line no later than **Sunday, May 5, 2024, 11:59 PM**. Late applications will not be considered. We anticipate notifying the summer stipend recipients during the week of May 19.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Law School: _____ **Current Year Level:** _____

Expected Graduation Date (Month and Year): _____

Are you in good academic standing with your law school? Yes _____ No _____

If no, please explain. _____

Are you a first-generation college graduate? Yes _____ No _____

Are you a first-generation law student? Yes _____ No _____

Have you accepted a 2024 summer public interest law position offer? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, where will you work this summer? _____

If no, please explain your situation and list the public interest positions you have applied to.

This stipend is only for unpaid positions. Is your position unpaid? Yes _____ No _____

Have you been awarded other funding for the 2024 Summer? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, identify the funding amount and what person/organization is providing it.

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

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Application Documents Checklist

- **Resume.** We are especially interested in community service, student leadership, and work focused on marginalized communities.
- **Personal Statement.** Attach a personal statement of no more than 1 page focused on why you should be granted a Summer Stipend. We are particularly interested in learning more about some of the following topics: your background; financial need; hardships or barriers overcome; past efforts to advance social justice, particularly during law school; what you plan on doing in law school (or what you have accomplished), including your summer work; and what you plan to do with your law degree.
- **Financial Aid Printout.** You should be able to obtain it from your student account or law school’s financial aid office. The printout should include the calculation of your need, as well as the loans and grants that you’ve already received. Please note that this information will be kept confidential; only the Scholarship Committee will see the information, which will be destroyed when no longer necessary.
- **Optional:** You may also attach a supplemental 500-word maximum statement about your financial need should you feel it necessary.

Certification Statement

All of the information submitted is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I make a false statement or misrepresentation in this application, I will be disqualified from consideration and will be required to repay any money received. If my summer position were to become paid, I will notify EBLRLA Scholarship Fund immediately.

I further agree that if I am awarded a scholarship, the Association and Fund may use my name, image, likeness, and personal identifiable information at a future event and in its publications for its recruitment, advocacy, public relations, and research activities unless I request to opt out.

- By checking this box, I request to opt out of the Association and Fund using my name, image, likeness, and personal identifiable information at a future event and in its publications.

Signature: _____ Date: _____