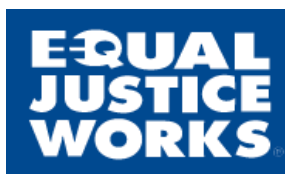


Rural Summer Legal Corps Program

The Rural Summer Legal Corps connects public interest law students with civil legal aid organizations to address pressing legal issues facing rural communities nationwide. Rural Summer Legal Corps interns begin the summer with intensive training from poverty law experts on housing, domestic violence, public benefits, migrant farmworkers, Native American, and family law.



For three decades Equal Justice Works has created opportunities for public interest lawyers committed to building a more just society. We believe that the poorest and most vulnerable among us deserve the same access to justice and quality legal representation as the privileged. To achieve this, we offer a continuum of opportunities for law students and lawyers that provide the training and skills that enable them to provide effective representation to underserved communities and causes.

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Funding

Participants will receive a **\$4,000 stipend for their service**. Students have the option to apply for additional outside funding through their university, the \$1,212 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award through the AmeriCorps JD program, or other sources.

Hands-On Experience

Participants will gain hands-on experience in:

- Direct legal services: Intake, client and witness interviews, advocating for clients, attending hearings, assisting attorneys in legal representation, legal research and writing.
- Outreach and education: Developing and distributing fact sheets, developing and delivering training on legal topics or on how to access legal services.
- Capacity building: Organizational assessments, compiling best practices, organizing focus groups, leading planning committees.

Applications & Deadlines

Application Deadlines:

- January
 - Late February
 - March
 - April
- Application Opens
Application Closes at 11:59:59 p.m. EST
Interviews with Legal Aid Providers on rolling basis
Students Notified of Acceptance

Applications are evaluated on a rolling basis. Equal Justice Works will screen applications and refer candidates to legal aid providers (host organizations) based on caliber of application, location preference, and legal aid provider (host organization) need. Legal Aid Providers (Host Organizations) will contact candidates directly to conduct interviews and refer selections to Equal Justice Works for final offers no later than April 1, 2017.

Apply at RuralLegalCorps.org.

Requirements & Participant Expectations

All participants must:

- Attend an Equal Justice Works member school.
- Complete their first or second year of law school by the start of their summer placement.
- Be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national or lawful permanent resident (e.g., green card).
- Pass a criminal background check. *Applicants are not disqualified for most criminal records.*
- Possess a valid driver's license and access to adequate transportation during summer placement.

Start and end dates are flexible, but students must complete 300 hours of service by August 31, 2017 and attend a three-day training seminar in Washington, D.C.

Students must not receive any academic credit for their service hours and must participate at one of the qualifying legal aid organization host sites, comply with the criminal background check process and complete all required program reporting and documentation.

Note: It is the participant's responsibility to obtain housing and ensure adequate transportation throughout the summer placement. Legal Aid Providers (Host Organizations) will provide general information, however it is not the responsibility of the legal aid provider (host organization) to provide direct housing or transportation assistance.

Further Questions

If you have any further questions, please see our [Frequently Asked Questions](#), or email ruralcorps@equaljusticeworks.org.