

Larson Scholarship Eligibility, Selection, Funding Priority Policy and Conditions of Acceptance

Section 1: Eligibility Criteria

- 1.1 Applicants must be enrolled at the University of North Dakota School of Law during the period of placement
- 1.2 Applicants must have successfully completed their first year of law school and be in academic good standing by the time they start their summer experience.
- 1.3 The scholarship is open to students who commit to working in a legal externship experience that primarily provides legal services to areas in North Dakota outside of Grand Forks, Fargo/West Fargo, Minot, or Bismarck/Mandan and submits an application to participate in the summer externship program by May 1, 2024.
- 1.4 All types of legal employment qualify to include judicial clerkships, law firms, public defender offices, state’s attorney offices, inhouse counsel, state agencies, and nonprofits.
- 1.5 Applicants give permission for the University to publicly release their name and placement information.

Section 2: Selection and Awarding Process

- 2.1 The scholarship funds will be distributed according to matrix below, on a rolling awarding cycle, starting March 15 and continuing through May 10, or until all funds are exhausted.
- 2.2 All externship applicants are automatically qualified for consideration once they have submitted an externship application, available [HERE](#).

Section 3: Funding Distribution Policy

	Maximum Award	Category	Hours Commitment
Priority 1	\$12,000	Fulltime Living and Working Onsite	At least 350 Hours living and working onsite (8-9 weeks)
Priority 2	\$10,000	Fulltime Working Onsite Commuter	At least 350 Hours working onsite (8-9 weeks)
Priority 3	\$10,000	Fulltime Hybrid Parttime Living Onsite and Remainder Remote	At least 350 Hours (8-9 weeks) 240 must be worked while living onsite and up to 110 can be worked remotely
Priority 4	\$8000	Parttime Living and Working Onsite	At least 240 Hours living and working onsite (6 weeks)
Priority 5	\$6000	Parttime Working Onsite Commuter	At least 240 Hours working onsite (6 weeks)

Section 4: Scholarship Committee

4.1 A Committee consisting of faculty, staff, and the Dean of the School will determine the distribution of funds.

4.2 The Committee will review the completed questionnaires, considering the student's commitment to legal experience in a qualified North Dakota city and the alignment with the funding priorities.

Section 5: Award Notification

5.1 All scholarship recipient(s) will be notified on a rolling basis starting on March 15, and this process will continue through May 10, 2024, or until all funds are exhausted.

5.2 The scholarship award will be disbursed through the University of North Dakota School of Law's Office of Financial Aid. Students must be enrolled in their summer externship program before the scholarship can be applied to their account.

Section 6: Conditions of Scholarship

6.1 Scholarship recipients must provide an updated resume that includes all their current and past leadership positions as well as their summer experience, a 2-page written reflection documenting their experience to include any impact the scholarship had on impacting their career objectives by supporting your summer program and include a picture of them working at their placement site. These documents are due on or before September 1, 2024.

6.2 All hours will be verified concurrent with your participation in the externship program, no separate verification of hours is required.

6.3 If the recipient fails to fulfill the required hours, the scholarship may be forfeited, or partial repayment may be required based on unfulfilled hours.

6.4 All students are required to made some progress during their experience to get to know the community outside of the work environment.¹

6.5 By accepting the scholarship funding, the recipient grants permission for their name, likeness, and placement information to be disclosed to the donor, utilized by alumni relations, and employed for advertising, promotional, and recruiting purposes.

Section 7: Amendments

7.1 The scholarship selection process may be subject to periodic review and amendments by the scholarship sponsor to ensure its effectiveness and relevance. Any changes will be communicated to eligible students in a timely manner.

¹ Online Articles with Tips on Getting Involved in a New Community:

<https://www.communityheartandsoul.org/blog/6-ways-to-meet-new-people-in-your-community/>

<https://research.lifeway.com/2019/03/08/5-ways-to-get-to-know-your-community/>

<https://www.niche.com/blog/7-meaningful-ways-to-get-to-know-your-new-neighborhood/>

<https://www.moving.com/tips/discovering-your-community/>