• ELIGIBILITY. Grants will be 100% guaranteed to all applicants who complete their applications on time and meet the following requirements:
  1. 40 cumulative hours pro bono/public service hours towards a student’s first grant (no more than 5 hours of which may be public service), completed by February 9, 2024*  OR  60 cumulative hours pro bono/public service hours towards a student’s second grant (no more than 10 hours of which may be public service), completed by February 9, 2024*  AND

  2. Accept a qualifying public service or judicial internship OR have applied to five qualifying employers; AND

  3. Complete the grant application by 5:00 p.m. ET on Friday, February 9, 2024.

  *Students who sign up for and are accepted to a spring break pro bono project may count those hours towards their pro bono requirement. This is the only exception for hours completed after the grant application deadline.

• GRANT AMOUNTS. Grant amounts are $5,000 for 1Ls and $8,000 for 2Ls (pre-tax). Actual check amounts, after deducting all applicable taxes, will vary based on grantees’ individual tax withholdings and exemptions. The Public Service Center will provide detailed information in late February about the tax forms you must provide. The Law School Foundation and the Public Service Center are prohibited from giving individual tax advice to students. We encourage students with tax-related questions to inquire with a tax professional.

• GRANT CONDITIONS. Grants are awarded on the following conditions: (1) completion of at least 320 hours of work at your qualifying public service or judicial internship; (2) submission of a summer internship evaluation survey to the Public Service Center (judicial interns are exempt from this condition); (3) you allow your employment information to be shared with the Law School Foundation; (4) you honor your commitment to work at the public service or judicial internship that you originally accepted; and (5) you agree to return the full amount of the grant by April 30, 2025 if the previous requirements are not met.

• APPLICATION AND DISBURSEMENT TIMELINE:
  o Grant applications will be posted online by the PSC on January 11, 2024.
  o Grant applications will be due by February 9, 2024.
  o Grant notifications will go out to grantees by February 23, 2024.
  o Grantees must generally accept or decline grants, confirm accepted internship, and turn in relevant tax forms by March 22, 2024.
  o Grants will be disbursed by late-April.

• QUESTIONS?
  o Most questions about the grant process can be answered by the FAQs on our website.
  o For additional questions about the process, contact the Public Service Center at publicservice@law.virginia.edu.