

BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL

Public Service Scholarships

The Public Service Scholarships are awarded to highly-qualified applicants who are committed to practicing law in service of the public after graduation. In keeping with Boston College Law School's mission of education for the service of others, and in recognition of the fact that such work tends to be significantly under-compensated, this program supports students committed to careers in the public sector by mitigating the expense and associated debts of their legal education by offering a full-tuition scholarship annually. Recipients are selected by a scholarship committee appointed by the Dean.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to provide letters of recommendation specific to their past work in public service. Admission files for scholarship applicants will not be available to the Scholarship Committee. Finalists for the Public Service Scholarships must be available for interviews either in person or by phone. These scholarships are renewable for the second and third year of study at the law school.

Please note: the priority application deadline for this scholarship is February 1, 2012, whether you have been accepted to the law school or are still awaiting a decision. The Committee begins reviewing applications at that time, and continues to meet until all scholarships have been awarded. Those applicants who have not yet been accepted for admission will be considered on a rolling basis once admitted *only* if the Committee has not yet awarded all the scholarships at the time of their acceptance. Late scholarship applications may be reviewed if all Public Service Scholars have not yet been confirmed.

The committee has established the following criteria for evaluating applicants:

- a long-standing, demonstrated commitment to serve the public through employment, advocacy and/or volunteer activities
- a stated intent to pursue a career in public interest/service law
- evidenced leadership ability
- past academic performance and evidence of exceptional academic promise

After notification of the awards, but before funds are disbursed, Public Service Scholarship recipients must sign a statement acknowledging their intention to enter a career in public service law and their moral obligation to repay Boston College Law School if they do not choose a public service career for a pre-determined period of time.

Recipients must reapply each year for the award. The committee will ask for an updated resume and list of activities and summer work (either paid or volunteer) that demonstrates the recipient's continued commitment to public interest and public service law. Public Service Scholars will be required to provide new commitment letters each year as described above.

Should recipients not pursue careers in public interest law, they have a moral obligation to repay, at a minimum, the actual value of the scholarship money received.



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PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2012

Name _____

Current Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

On a separate sheet(s), please write about the following:

1. What are your career plans as they pertain to your intention to practice law in public service, including any specific career path you intend to pursue?
2. Describe your past and current work in public service, including both volunteer and paid activities.
3. You may provide the committee with any additional information you believe relevant to this application. Please check here if you are submitting additional material.....

Please return this application, your essays and a resume to: Boston College Law School
Admissions Office, Attn: PSS
885 Centre Street
Newton, MA 02459

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