

March 31, 2022

Dear Students,

The University of Dayton School of Law (UDSL) is pleased to announce this year's competition for the Lisa A. Kloppenberg Public Interest Award. This award will help support the summer internships of law students working in public interest law.

The award adds to your summer financial aid package as a resource. The updates will reflect on your summer financial aid award through Porches. Any questions regarding this information, please contact Ms. Helen Hart, Assistant Director of Admissions & Financial Aid, at [hhart1@udayton.edu](mailto:hhart1@udayton.edu).

If you are set to complete your second, third, fourth, or fifth semester in May 2022 and are not scheduled to graduate, you are invited to apply for funding for the summer of 2022. The application procedures are attached. We provide as many awards each summer as our funding permits.

Service to community is at the heart of our Marianist Charism, and we wish to recognize, celebrate, and assist those students seeking to make legal services available to the poor and marginalized members of society. Our students should be proud of their many contributions to the public good. Dayton is a better, stronger community because you are a part of it.

The Public Interest Award creation happened through the joint efforts of the faculty, staff, and students of UDSL.

We hope and believe this program will continue to grow in years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shannon R. Penn', written in a cursive style.

*Shannon R. Penn*  
*Assistant Dean for Student Affairs & Registrar*

## Lisa A. Kloppenberg Public Interest Award Application Procedures

1. Applications will be accepted from March 31-April 15, 2022. Please submit your application in electronic form to Assistant Dean Penn at [spenn1@udayton.edu](mailto:spenn1@udayton.edu) by April 15 at 5:00 p.m.
2. **Applicants must be enrolled in UDSL classes in the fall semester immediately following their summer placement. If an applicant is not enrolled at UDSL for the fall semester immediately after their summer placement, the student must repay the amount of the grant awarded.**
3. Applicants must have secured an offer to: (1) perform legal work for a federal, state, or local government agency; or (2) provide legal services (criminal or civil) or services that utilize lawyering skills through a not-for-profit community organization. The work must either be unpaid or draw only a small stipend. All work involving the provision of legal services must be supervised by a licensed attorney. The work's focus must be on improving access to justice for the poor and marginalized. It is not possible to provide an exhaustive list of the types of public service and pro bono work that would qualify a student for consideration for a Public Interest Award. Here are a few suggestions: Legal Aid and Public Defender offices; youth and family service organizations; mediation centers; and various non-profit organizations (e.g., civil rights-civil liberties groups; religious organizations; and environmental groups.)
4. Factors involved in awarding public interest stipends include, but are not limited to, the extent and history of the applicant's record of community service, the quality of the personal statement articulating the applicant's future commitment and how the placement dovetails with his/her public interest career goals. The nature of the placement and its potential benefit to the poor and marginalized is significant weight.
5. Proposed placements must involve a minimum of 200 total hours of work over the course of the summer.
6. Applicants must submit a resume, Public Interest Award Application Form (see attached), an Employer Confirmation Letter (see attached sample), two letters of recommendation, and a brief personal statement. The personal statement should be no more than 1200 words describing previous community service experiences, current desire to pursue a public interest career in the law, the work of the placement organization, how the proposed placement advances career goals, and how the proposed placement would serve the interest of a disenfranchised population.
7. Award decisions are no later than April 25, 2022.
8. Upon the completion of their internship, award recipients will be required to submit an accounting of their hours, signed by them and their supervisor, to Assistant Dean Penn.
9. Award winners will receive the first half of their installment on or before May 27, 2022, and the second half following completion of their required hours and submission of the signed accounting described in paragraph 8.

## Application Form

### I. Personal Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

UD Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA): \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Proposed Placement Information

Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Placement Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Placement Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Supervising Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

Supervising Attorney's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Supervising Attorney's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Sample Employer Confirmation Letter**

Dayton Law Public Interest Award  
c/o Dean Shannon Penn  
University of Dayton School of Law  
300 College Park  
Dayton, Ohio 45469-2780

[Date]

Dear Catholic and Marianist/Pro Bono Committee:

Please be advised that (name of organization) \_\_\_\_\_ has  
offered (name of applicant) \_\_\_\_\_ a position for the summer of  
2017. The mission of this organization is to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. The applicant's duties will include \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

The employment will last for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks for a total of approximately \_\_\_\_\_ hours.

The applicant will receive \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or no compensation (circle if applicable) for his/her  
work. Any legal services provided will be directly supervised by a licensed attorney.

Sincerely,

(Supervisor's signature) \_\_\_\_\_

(Print) \_\_\_\_\_

(Title) \_\_\_\_\_