

Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for the 2016 Equal Justice Works Public Interest Awards, applicants must:

- Be a current law student at an Equal Justice Works [member school](#)
- Have a demonstrated commitment to public interest law and pro bono work

The following activities are illustrative of the qualifications that could comprise a successful application:

- Extraordinary service as an intern, extern, or pro bono volunteer with a legal service provider
- Development of a pro bono or public interest project
- Founding, creating, or leading a student-run organization dedicated to pro bono or public interest law
- Expanding an existing pro bono or public interest program

Recipients will be honored during an Award Ceremony with a commemorative plaque and a monetary award of \$250.

Application Process

Applications will open on **January 11, 2016**.

Please submit all application materials to ejw.southeast@gmail.com.

By **March 1, 2016**, all applicants will be required to submit a:

1. **One-page application** with the applicant's name, law school, and contact information (see Addendum)
2. **Personal Statement** describing the applicant's outstanding public interest legal work in service to disadvantaged or marginalized groups and significant contributions to closing the justice gap (2 page limit)
3. **Two References** who are familiar with the applicant's work – preferably law school faculty members, supervising attorneys, or anyone who can accurately and knowledgeably describe the applicant's commitment to public service (see Addendum)

Selection Criteria

Award recipients will be recognized for their exceptional contributions and achievements in one or more of the following areas:

Commitment

An extraordinary commitment to service to public service as: an intern, extern, or pro bono volunteer with a legal service provider; the developer of a pro bono or public interest project; a founder or leader of a student-run organization; a leader of an existing pro bono or public interest program
(30 points)

Impact

The quality of work performed as a public interest law student and the significance of their work on the community, fellow students, and law school
(30 points)

Creativity/ Originality

New, expanded, or unique improvements on the traditional delivery of public interest or pro bono legal services
(15 points)

Permanence/Replicability

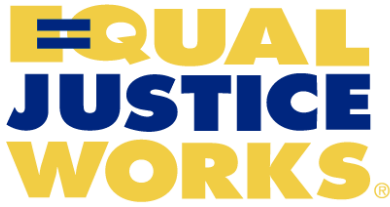
Likelihood that the student's project will be continued beyond their tenure in law school and/or could be implemented by other law students or legal service providers

(15 points)

Longevity

Long-term interest in becoming a nonprofit, government, or public interest attorney or continuing to participate in pro bono activities throughout a legal career

(10 points)



2016 Equal Justice Works Public Interest Awards Application Form

Helping Lawyers Help Community

Please type or print and submit this form if you have a dedicated interest in public service and would like to be considered for a 2016 Equal Justice Works Public Interest Award.

Please be sure to attach a two-page personal statement describing your outstanding public interest legal work in service to disadvantaged or marginalized groups and significant contributions to closing the justice gap.

The deadline for consideration is March 1, 2016.

Applicant Info

Name: _____

Law School: _____

Year in Law School: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Reference #1

Name: _____

Employer: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Reference #2

Name: _____

Employer: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____