

SUMMER OF 2009:
PUBLIC INTEREST SUBSIDY PROGRAMS
FOR GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

APPLICATION PACKET FOR:

**THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL
PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLARSHIPS**

J.B. AND MAURICE C. SHAPIRO PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIPS

J.B. AND MAURICE C. SHAPIRO PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIPS (S-F)

**GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL
AND MURRAY SNYDER SCHOLARSHIPS**

J.B. AND MAURICE C. SHAPIRO UNIVERSITY PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS

PATTON BOGGS PUBLIC POLICY SCHOLARSHIP

SONNENSCHNEIN SCHOLAR PROGRAM

REUBEN A. ZUBROW PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLARSHIP

**Please submit the original application and the requisite copies to
the Career Development Office by
March 16, 2009.**

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OVERVIEW OF SUMMER PUBLIC INTEREST SUBSIDIES

This academic year George Washington University Law School is offering \$307,000 of public interest subsidies for law students who work for public interest employers during the summer of 2009. Sixty (60) of these public interest subsidies (in amounts ranging from \$3000 to \$5000) are for law students who will work full-time for public interest employers during the summer of 2009. There are four (4) additional public interest subsidies (in the amount of \$12,500) for students who work for a public interest employer both during the summer (full time) and the fall of 2009 (part time). Applications for these programs, administered by the law school Public Interest Committee, are now available and should be completed and returned to the Career Development Office. The Public Interest Committee (which includes professors and students) reviews all applications and has the responsibility for selecting the students who receive the following public interest subsidies.

The following scholarships will be provided during the summer of 2009:

(1). *Twenty* GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLARSHIPS will be awarded to full-time law students who have at least one remaining semester to complete at the law school following the summer of 2009. These public service awards are for students providing a broad range of public interest legal services with government or nonprofit private employers located any where in the world. All public interest legal work will be considered, including but not limited to: (1) the representation, direct or indirect, of indigent individuals or populations; (2) the representation of interests that would not otherwise be adequately represented; (3) the use of the law to protect the environment, wildlife, and domestic and/or international human rights and civil liberties; (4) the use of the law to alleviate various social, educational, health or economic problems; or (5) the defense or prosecution of those charged with crimes. The students who are selected for these awards will receive a cash grant of \$4000, \$3000 by no later than July 1, 2009, and \$1000 at the beginning of the fall semester of 2009. Applicants are encouraged to seek additional compensation (up to \$5000 from the public interest employer) but may not accept any other public service subsidy from George Washington University (including the Equal Justice Foundation student administered grants funded by the annual auction). Applicants may receive additional compensation in the form of public interest subsidies from sources outside the George Washington University.

(2). *Twenty four* SHAPIRO SUMMER INTERNSHIPS will be awarded to law students who have completed no more than their first year at the law school by the beginning of the summer of 2009. These internships are for students providing a broad range of public interest legal services with government or nonprofit private employers located in the Washington metropolitan area. All public interest legal work will be considered, including but not limited to: (1) the representation, direct or indirect, of indigent individuals or populations; (2) the representation of interests that would not otherwise be adequately represented; (3) the use of the law to protect the environment, wildlife, and domestic and/or international human rights and civil liberties; (4) the use of the law to alleviate various social, educational, health or economic problems; or (5) the defense or prosecution of those charged with crimes. Students who are selected for the internships will receive a cash grant of \$5000, \$4000 by no later than July 1, 2009, and \$1000 at the beginning of the fall semester of 2009. Shapiro Summer Interns are *not* allowed to receive any compensation from the public interest employer nor other public interest subsidies from the George Washington University (including the student administered Equal Justice Foundation grants funded by the annual auction). Applicants may receive additional compensation in the form of public interest subsidies from sources outside the George Washington University.

(3). Four SHAPIRO PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIPS (S-F) will be awarded to law students who will begin their third year of full time law school course work either during the summer or fall of 2009. These public service awards are for students providing public interest legal services with government or nonprofit private employers located in the Washington metropolitan area. The fellows will work for their public interest employer full time during the summer of 2009 and also 20 hours per week during the fall semester of 2009. All public interest legal work will be considered including but not limited to: (1) the representation, direct or indirect, of indigent individuals or populations; (2) the representation of interests that would not otherwise be adequately represented; (3) the use of the law to protect the environment, wildlife, and domestic and/or international human rights and civil liberties; (4) the use of the law to alleviate various social, educational, health or economic problems; or (5) the defense or prosecution of those charged with crimes. Students who are selected for these fellowships will receive a cash grant of \$5000 and an additional \$7500 in the form of tuition remission for the 2009 fall semester. Fellows will receive their cash stipend as two checks: \$4000 by no later than July 1, 2009, and \$1000 at the beginning of the fall semester. In addition, Fellows will receive a \$7,500 provisional credit against their 2009 fall semester tuition at the beginning of the fall semester. The provisional credit will be converted into a final credit when the fall employer certification letter has been submitted and approved (any accrued interest will be forgiven by the University.). Recipients of Shapiro Public Service Fellowships (S-F) are not allowed to receive any compensation from the public interest employer nor other public interest subsidies from the George Washington University (including the student administered Equal Justice Foundation grants funded by the annual auction). Applicants may receive additional compensation in the form of public interest subsidies from sources outside the George Washington University.

(4). Ten GWULS AND SNYDER SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS will be awarded to law students who have at least one remaining semester to complete at the law school following the summer of 2009. These scholarships are for students providing direct or indirect civil or criminal legal representation to clients with economic need. There is no geographic limit on the place of employment and the employer can be a non-profit private employer or the government. Students who are selected for the scholarships will receive a cash grant of \$3000, \$2500 by no later than July 1, 2009, and \$500 at the beginning of the fall semester of 2009. Applicants are encouraged to seek additional compensation (up to \$5000 from the public interest employer) but may not accept any other public service subsidy from George Washington University (including the Equal Justice Foundation student administered grants funded by the annual auction). Applicants may receive additional compensation in the form of public interest subsidies from sources outside the George Washington University.

(5) Two SHAPIRO UNIVERSITY PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS will be awarded to full-time law students who have at least one remaining semester to complete at the law school following the summer of 2009. These public service awards are for students providing public interest legal services with government or nonprofit private employers located in the Washington metropolitan area or in the students' hometowns. All public interest legal work will be considered including but not limited to: (1) the representation, direct or indirect, of indigent individuals or populations; (2) the representation of interests that would not otherwise be adequately represented; (3) the use of the law to protect the environment, wildlife, and domestic and/or international human rights and civil liberties; (4) the use of the law to alleviate various social, educational, health or economic problems; or (5) the defense or prosecution of those charged with crimes. The student who is selected for the award will receive \$5000 in the form of tuition remission for the fall semester of 2009. Recipients of Shapiro University Public Service Awards are not allowed to receive any compensation from the public interest employer nor other public interest subsidies

from the George Washington University (including the student administered Equal Justice Foundation grants funded by the annual auction). Applicants may receive additional compensation in the form of public interest subsidies from sources outside the George Washington University.

(6) *One* PATTON BOGGS PUBLIC POLICY SCHOLARSHIP will be awarded to a law student who has at least one remaining semester to complete at the law school following the summer of 2009. This scholarship is for a student working in a public policy position in a government office, whether local, state, or federal. The government employer must be located within the United States. The student who is selected for this scholarship will receive a cash grant of \$5000, \$4000 by no later than July 1, 2009, and \$1000 at the beginning of the fall semester of 2009. Applicants are encouraged to seek additional compensation (up to \$5000 from the government employer) but may not accept any other public service subsidy from George Washington University (including the student administered Equal Justice Foundation grants funded by the annual auction). Applicants may receive additional compensation in the form of public interest subsidies from sources outside the George Washington University.

(7) *Two* SONNENSCHNEIN SCHOLARS AWARDS will be awarded to law students who have completed no more than their first year at the law school by the beginning of the summer of 2009. These public service awards are for students providing a broad range of public interest legal services with government or nonprofit private employers located in the United States. All public interest legal work will be considered including but not limited to: (1) the representation, direct or indirect, of indigent individuals or populations; (2) the representation of interests that would not otherwise be adequately represented; (3) the use of the law to protect the environment, wildlife, and domestic and/or international human rights and civil liberties; (4) the use of the law to alleviate various social, educational, health or economic problems; or (5) the defense or prosecution of those charged with crimes. The students who are selected for the award will receive a cash grant of \$4000, \$3000 by not later than July 1, 2009, and \$1000 at the beginning of the fall semester of 2009. Applicants are encouraged to seek additional compensation (up to \$5000 from the public interest employer) but may not accept any other public service subsidy from George Washington University (including the student administered Equal Justice Foundation grants funded by the annual auction). Applicants may receive additional compensation in the form of public interest subsidies from sources outside the George Washington University.

(8). *One* ZUBROW SCHOLARSHIP will be awarded to a law student who has at least one remaining semester to complete at the law school following the summer of 2009. These scholarships are for students providing direct or indirect civil or criminal legal representation to clients with economic need. There is no geographic limit on the place of employment and the employer can be a non-profit private employer or the government. The student who is selected for this scholarship will receive a cash grant of \$4000, \$3000 by no later than July 1, 2009, and \$1000 at the beginning of the fall semester of 2009. Applicants are encouraged to seek additional compensation (up to \$5000 from the public interest employer) but may not accept any other public service subsidy from George Washington University (including the student administered Equal Justice Foundation grants funded by the annual auction). Applicants may receive additional compensation in the form of public interest subsidies from sources outside the George Washington University.

The table on the following page may be helpful to you in contrasting the different public interest subsidies before you complete the attached application:

NAME (NUMBER) OF SUBSIDIES	TYPE OF LEGAL WORK	LOCATION OF EMPLOYER	DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYER	APPLICANT YEAR IN LAW SCHOOL	FORM & AMOUNT OF SUBSIDY	MAXIMUM ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FROM EMPLOYER	MINIMUM WEEKS OF WORK
GWULS SCHOLARSHIP (20)	all public interest work including work for the environment, criminal work, work to protect civil liberties, and to alleviate various social, educational, health or economic problems	worldwide	non-profit or government	at least 1 semester after summer '09	\$4000 cash grant	\$5000	10 weeks
SHAPIRO INTERNSHIP (24)	all public interest work including work for the environment, criminal work, work to protect civil liberties, and to alleviate various social, educational, health or economic problems	D.C. metropolitan area	non-profit or government	completed no more than 1st yr. by summer '09	\$5000 cash grant	No additional compensation	10 weeks
SHAPIRO FELLOWSHIP (S-F) (4)	all public interest work including work for the environment, criminal work, work to protect civil liberties, and to alleviate various social, educational, health or economic problems	D.C. metropolitan area	non-profit or government	beginning 3rd yr. during summer or fall of 2009	\$5000 cash grant and \$7500 tuition remission	No additional compensation	10 weeks during summer & 20 hours per week for 12 weeks of fall semester
GWULS & SNYDER SCHOLARSHIP (10)	representation of indigent & under represented clients	worldwide	non-profit (preferred) or government	at least 1 semester after summer '09	\$3000 cash grant	\$5000	9 weeks
SHAPIRO UNIVERSITY AWARD (2)	all public interest work including work for the environment, criminal work, work to protect civil liberties, and to alleviate various social, educational, health or economic problems	D.C. metropolitan area or student's hometown	non-profit or government	at least 1 semester after summer '09	\$5000 tuition remission	No additional compensation	10 weeks
PATTON BOGGS SCHOLARSHIP (1)	public policy position in government	U.S.A.	local, state or federal government	at least 1 semester after summer '09	\$5000 cash grant	\$5000	10 weeks
SONNENSCHNEIN SCHOLARS (2)	all public interest work including work for the environment, criminal work, work to protect civil liberties, and to alleviate various social, educational, health or economic problems	U.S.A.	non-profit or government	completed no more than 1st yr. by summer '09	\$4000 cash grant	\$5000	10 weeks
ZUBROW SCHOLARSHIP (1)	representation of indigent & under represented clients	worldwide	non-profit (preferred) or government	at least 1 semester after summer '09	\$4000 cash grant	\$5000	10 weeks

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the above listed public interest subsidy programs a student must satisfy the following requirements:

1. The student must submit a COMPLETE application (attached) and, in addition, a resume, transcript, a completed employer commitment letter (attached), and an essay describing the applicant's interest in public interest work in general and in the specific summer job in particular. The essay should make reference to the criteria for selection listed below. If you are applying for one of the public interest programs that emphasizes a particular type of public interest work, indicate how your prior activities, interests, and educational pursuits (including at the law school), are related to your current interest in working for the particular public interest employer. Letters of reference from professors, prior employers, or others (including officers of student public interest organizations) may also be submitted but are not required. **NO INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED OR CONSIDERED. NO LATE SUBMISSIONS OF MATERIALS TO SUPPLEMENT TIMELY FILED APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED OR CONSIDERED.**

2. The student must be in good academic standing (a cumulative average of at least "C-"). All students satisfying this requirement, regardless of their grades, are encouraged to apply.

3. The required time periods of student work for the certifying public interest employers are listed in the table below:

NAME OF SUBSIDY	REQUIRED TIME PERIOD
GWULS Public Interest Scholarships	10 weeks (40 hours per week)
Shapiro Public Service Internship	10 weeks (40 hours per week)
Shapiro Public Service Fellowships (S-F)	10 weeks (40 hours per week) during the summer & 12 weeks (20 hours per week) during the fall of 2009
GWULS and Murray Snyder Scholarship	9 weeks (40 hours per week)
Shapiro University Public Service Award	10 weeks (40 hours per week)
Patton Boggs Public Policy Scholarship	10 weeks (40 hours per week)
Sonnenschein Scholar Program	10 weeks (40 hours per week)
Zubrow Public Interest Scholarship	10 weeks (40 hours per week)

In the past, students have asked whether they may receive a summer public interest subsidy if they work the requisite total number of hours in fewer weeks than specified. The Public Interest Committee prefers that students work for the entire nine or ten week period rather than on a condensed schedule. Nevertheless, we will consider applications from students who want to do public interest work on a condensed schedule (1) if the student works the requisite total number of hours; (2) if the public interest employer agrees to the condensed schedule; and (3) if the student adequately justifies his or her condensed schedule request in the application. For example, in the past public interest subsidies have been awarded to students who have enrolled in the G.W. - Oxford program and also worked the requisite number of total hours on a condensed schedule. In some cases, awards have been made to students who work more than the requisite total number of hours but split their time between two public interest organizations over the summer. Under such circumstances, employer commitment letters and employer certification letters must be submitted for both public interest employers.

4. The student must work under the supervision of a licensed attorney.
5. The award committee takes into consideration the type of work proposed; accordingly, the presumption is that a student can not change summer jobs and keep a public interest subsidy. If a student must change from one public interest job to another because of extraordinary circumstances and wants to keep the public interest subsidy, the student should immediately contact a faculty member of the award committee to discuss what has happened.
6. If, because of unforeseen events, an award recipient is unable to work throughout the entire specified period, he or she should notify a faculty member of the award committee immediately.
7. If a student is applying for either a Shapiro Internship or a Sonnenschein Scholarship, the student must have completed no more than their first year at the law school by the beginning of the summer of 2009. If a student is applying for the Shapiro Fellowship (S-F), the student must have completed their second year at the law school by the beginning of the summer of 2009. If the student is applying for any of the other awards, the student must have at least one remaining semester to complete at the George Washington University Law School following the summer of 2009.
8. The following table indicates the maximum amount of additional compensation that a student may receive from his or her public interest employer for the 2009 summer work:

NAME OF SUBSIDY	MAXIMUM ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION
GWULS Public Interest Scholarships	\$5000
Shapiro Public Service Internship	No additional compensation from employer
Shapiro Fellowship (S-F)	No additional compensation from employer
GWULS and Murray Snyder Scholarship	\$5000
Shapiro University Public Service Award	No additional compensation from employer
Patton Boggs Public Policy Scholarship	\$5000
Sonnenschein Scholar Program	\$5000
Zubrow Public Interest Scholarship	\$5000

The applicant may not accept any other public service subsidy from George Washington University (including the student administered Equal Justice Foundation grants funded by the annual auction) for their public interest work during the summer of 2009 but may receive additional compensation in the form of public interest subsidies from sources outside the George Washington University.

9. Students who receive one of these public interest subsidies also may be able to receive academic credit for their summer and fall 2009 public interest work through the law school's outside placement program. To ascertain whether summer public interest work qualifies for credit and to learn about additional academic requirements, please consult the Bulletin and contact the Director of Outside Placement. Students will not be able to get academic credit if they receive compensation from their public interest employer.

10. All of the public interest subsidies require that the student have at least one remaining semester of law school to complete following the summer of 2009. It is the expectation of the law school that students receiving these awards will return to George Washington University Law School to complete their legal education. If, because of unforeseen circumstances, a student does not return to the law school following the summer, the student should contact Professor Zubrow (izubrow@law.gwu.edu) and explain what has happened. A decision will be made at that time concerning whether the student can receive any further payment of the public interest subsidy, based on the student's reasons for leaving GWULS.¹

11. A qualifying student may apply, and is encouraged to apply, simultaneously for all of the public interest subsidies described in this memorandum by completing the attached application.² In the event that a qualifying student applies for more than one of the subsidies, the award committee will decide which subsidy to award, taking into account the best way to accommodate the financial needs of all qualifying applicants, as well as the particular circumstances of the student applying under more than one program. In the event that a student receives one of the public interest subsidies administered by the public interest committee and also is selected for one of the student administered Equal Justice Foundation auction grants, the applicant will be afforded the opportunity to decide which subsidy to accept.

12. All recipients of public interest subsidies named after donors are expected to write a thank you letter to the donor. Please contact the Advancement Office for information and assistance at (202) 994-6117. If you are awarded the Patton Boggs Public Policy scholarship, you may be invited to the firm to report on your summer experience and/or asked to submit a written report. If you become a Sonnenschein Scholar you will be asked to submit a report describing your summer experience and will be invited to the firm for a luncheon and to meet other Sonnenschein Scholars from area law schools.

13. At the beginning of the fall semester of 2009, all recipients of public interest subsidies are required to submit a completed Employer Certification Form. Neither the final cash payment nor tuition remission will be provided before these documents are returned to Professor Zubrow. (A copy of the Summer Certification Form is attached.) In addition to submitting the Summer Certification Form, by November 27, 2009, Shapiro Fellows (S-F) must submit a second Fall Certification Form (a copy is attached) to Professor Zubrow in order that their provisional fall tuition credit can be converted to a final credit.

¹ Part of the justification for expenditure of GWULS funds on this program is that returning students will contribute to fellow GWULS students' education by bringing their summer public interest experiences into subsequent law school classroom discussions.

² A separate application must be obtained from EJF and completed to apply for the student administered Equal Justice Foundation grants funded by the spring auction.

14. Recipients of the Shapiro University awards receive a \$5000 tuition remission subsidy (for public interest work during the summer of 2009). These subsidies are in the form of a \$5000 credit to the award recipient's tuition account for the fall of 2009, thereby reducing fall 2009 tuition bills by \$5000. If you need funds for living expenses during the summer, please contact Dean Morrison for an emergency summer loan (at zero percent interest).

PLEASE NOTE: None of the summer public interest subsidies will detrimentally affect the amount of financial aid that the recipient is eligible to receive during the academic year following public interest summer employment. The award of a Shapiro Fellowship (S-F) for the fall of 2009 may affect the amount of financial aid that a student receives for that semester and you may wish to discuss your individual circumstances with the financial aid office. All of these subsidies may affect recipients' taxable income for federal or state income tax purposes so recipients may wish to consult their tax advisors. (No money is withheld from these subsidies for payment of taxes.)

EMPLOYER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND THE DEFINITION OF PUBLIC INTEREST WORK

GENERAL:

1. Ordinary judicial clerkships and internships do not qualify for these public interest subsidies. However, if there is something unique about your work for a judge that suggests you should be considered for one of these public interest subsidies, please apply or else contact Tamara Devieux-Adams [CDO] or Professor Zubrow to discuss your particular employment opportunity. In the past, public interest subsidies have been awarded to students working with judges on international tribunals considering human rights violations.

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLARSHIPS:

1. In order to receive a public interest scholarship, the student must work throughout the ten week period on one or more public interest projects. The employer must be providing public interest legal services, including but not limited to: (1) the representation, direct or indirect, of indigent individuals or populations; (2) the representation of interests that would not otherwise be adequately represented; (3) the use of the law to protect the environment, wildlife and domestic and/or international human rights and civil liberties; (4) the use of the law to alleviate various social, educational, health or economic problems; or (5) the defense or prosecution of those charged with crimes.

2. This definition of public interest is broad enough to include the following:

[a] Work for a legal organization whose projects address legal issues of particular concern to indigent individuals. Examples of such employers include Neighborhood Legal Services programs, Legal Aid Society programs, and Bread for the City.

[b] Work for a legal organization focusing on the protection of human rights under international law, with a preference for projects involving treaty based or customary international law. Examples of employers include Boat People, S.O.S., International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, and the Kosova Law Center.

[c] Work for a legal organization whose goals include the protection and promotion of domestic civil liberties and human rights. Examples of employers include the Lawyers' Committee on Civil Rights and the ACLU Capital Punishment Project.

[d] Work for a legal organization whose projects address legal issues of particular concern to the Asian American community. Examples of employers include The Asian Pacific American Law Center of Southern California, the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies, and the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance.

[e] Work for a legal organization whose projects address legal issues of particular concern to the African American community. Examples of employers include the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, and the EEOC.

[f] Work for a legal organization whose public interest projects advance social justice for the Hispanic/Latino(a) community through representation, civil or criminal, direct or indirect, of the Hispanic/Latino(a) population. Such employers include, for example, Ayuda, Inc., The Migrant Legal Action Program, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund (MALDEF), the Puerto Rican Legal Defense Fund, or the National Council for La Raza.

[g] Work for a legal organization whose projects address legal issues of particular concern to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community and/or persons with HIV or AIDS. Examples of employers include ACLU-Lesbian and Gay Rights and HIV/AIDS Project, Human Rights Campaign, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, and Whitman-Walker Clinic.

[h] Work for a legal organization whose legal projects focus on issues which significantly impact the legal rights and lives of women and/or children. Examples of employers include the NOW Legal Defense & Education Fund, the Center for Missing and Exploited Children, The Children's Law Center, and organizations protecting battered women and combating domestic violence.

[i] Work for a local, state, federal, or international prosecutors' office whose task is to enforce the criminal laws. Such employers include, for example, district attorneys' offices, United States Attorneys' offices, and prosecutorial offices within state attorney general offices, or international organizations, such as the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

[j] Legal work with public defender's offices.

[k] Work for a legal organization whose focus is protection of the environment. Preference will be given to employers who deal with issues concerning environmental justice, in particular the protection of indigenous and/or indigent populations from environmental harm. Examples of employers include the Environmental Defense Fund, The Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund, the Environmental Law Institute, the Nature Conservancy, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, Conservation International, the Wilderness Society, the Office of Environmental Justice of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Environmental Enforcement Section of the Department of Justice.

[l] Work for a legal organization devoted to the protection of wildlife. An example is the legal branch of the National Wildlife Federation.

[n] Work for a governmental agency whose focus is to alleviate social, educational, health or economic problems. Examples include the FDIC, the Federal Reserve Board, the Small Business Administration, the Labor Department, or the Securities and Exchange Commission.

2. The employer may be a government, an international organization, or a private, non-profit organization and may be located anywhere in the world.

3. The employer must complete and sign the employer commitment letter (attached). No late employer commitment letters will be accepted or considered.

SHAPIRO PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIPS:

1. In order to receive a public interest summer internship, the intern must work throughout the ten week period on one or more public interest projects. The employer must be engaged in public interest legal work, including but not limited to: (1) the representation, direct or indirect, of indigent individuals or populations; (2) the representation of interests that would not otherwise be adequately represented; (3) the use of the law to protect the environment, wildlife, and domestic and/or international human rights and civil liberties; (4) the use of the law to alleviate various social, educational, health or economic problems; or (5) the defense or prosecution of those charged with crimes. This definition of public interest is broad enough to include all the types of legal work specifically listed for the George Washington University Law School Public Interest Scholarships above. If you have any questions concerning whether your job qualifies, please submit an application.

2. The employer may be a government, an international organization, or a private, non-profit organization and must be located in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

3. The employer must complete and sign the employer commitment letter (attached). No late employer commitment letters will be accepted or considered.

SHAPIRO PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIPS (S-F):

1. In order to receive this subsidy, the fellow must work full time throughout the ten week period during the summer and part time throughout the twelve week period during the fall on one or more public interest projects. The employer must be engaged in public interest legal work, including but not limited to: (1) the representation, direct or indirect, of indigent individuals or populations; (2) the representation of interests that would not otherwise be adequately represented; (3) the use of the law to protect the environment, wildlife, and domestic and/or international human rights and civil liberties; (4) the use of the law to alleviate various social, educational, health or economic problems; or (5) the defense or prosecution of those charged with crimes. This definition of public interest is broad enough to include all the types of legal work specifically listed for the George Washington University Law School Public Interest Scholarships above. If you have any questions concerning whether your job qualifies, please submit an application.

2. The employer may be a government, an international organization, or a private, non-profit organization and must be located in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

3. The employer must complete and sign the employer commitment letter (attached). No late employer commitment letters will be accepted or considered.

GWULS AND SNYDER PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLARSHIPS & ZUBROW PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLARSHIP:

1. In order to receive one of these subsidies, the student must work throughout the nine week period (for the GWULS and SNYDER SCHOLARSHIP) or the ten week period (for the ZUBROW PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLARSHIP) on one or more public interest projects, which are defined, for the purpose of both of these programs, as the provision of civil or criminal legal representation, directly or indirectly, to clients who, because of insufficient income or net worth, cannot afford lawyers. Such organizations include, for example, Neighborhood Legal Services, other legal aid societies, public defenders, organizations representing Native Americans, the homeless, prisoners, the elderly, children, immigrants, and the like. If you have any questions concerning whether your job qualifies, please submit an application.
2. The employer may be a government, an international organization, or a private, non-profit organization; private, non-profit organizations, however, are preferred. There are no geographical limitations on employers.
3. The employer must complete and sign the employer commitment letter (attached). No late employer commitment letters will be accepted or considered.

SHAPIRO UNIVERSITY PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS:

1. In order to receive a Shapiro University public service award, the recipient of the award must work throughout the ten week period on one or more public interest projects. The employer must be engaged in public interest legal work, including but not limited to: (1) the representation, direct or indirect, of indigent individuals or populations; (2) the representation of interests that would not otherwise be adequately represented; (3) the use of the law to protect the environment, wildlife, and domestic and/or international human rights and civil liberties; (4) the use of the law to alleviate various social, educational, health or economic problems; or (5) the defense or prosecution of those charged with crimes. This definition of public interest is broad enough to include all the types of legal work specifically listed for the George Washington University Law School Public Interest Scholarships above. If you have any questions concerning whether your job qualifies, please submit an application.
2. The employer may be a government, an international organization, or a private, non-profit organization and must be located in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area or the applicant's hometown.
3. The employer may not be known to engage in any project which causes pain (physical or psychological) or death to animals.
4. The employer must complete and sign the employer commitment letter (attached). No late employer commitment letters will be accepted or considered.

PATTON BOGGS PUBLIC POLICY SCHOLARSHIP:

1. In order to receive this subsidy, the student must work throughout the ten week period in a public policy position in government. The position may be with a legislative, judicial, administrative or executive branch of the government. If you have any questions concerning whether your job qualifies, please submit an application.
2. The employer may be any local or state government or the United States government.
3. The employer must complete and sign the employer commitment letter (attached). No late employer commitment letters will be accepted or considered.

SONNENSCHHEIN SCHOLAR PROGRAM:

1. In order to receive a public interest scholarship, the student must work throughout the ten week period on one or more public interest projects. The employer must be providing public interest legal services, including but not limited to: (1) the representation, direct or indirect, of indigent individuals or populations; (2) the representation of interests that would not otherwise be adequately represented; (3) the use of the law to protect the environment, wildlife and domestic and/or international human rights and civil liberties; (4) the use of the law to alleviate various social, educational, health or economic problems; or (5) the defense or prosecution of those charged with crimes. This definition of public interest is broad enough to include all the types of legal work specifically listed for the George Washington University Law School Public Interest Scholarships above. If you have any questions concerning whether your job qualifies, please submit an application.
2. The employer may be a government, an international organization, or a private, non-profit organization located anywhere in the United States.
3. The employer must complete and sign the employer commitment letter (attached). No late employer commitment letters will be accepted or considered.

THE SELECTION PROCESS

1. A subcommittee of the GWULS Public Interest Committee (the "award committee") will review your applications and select the recipients of the public interest subsidies for the summer of 2009. This award committee will include several members of the faculty and at least one student (if possible a third year student) who is not applying for any of the public interest subsidies described in this memorandum.

2. In making these awards, the award committee will endeavor to provide public interest stipends to committed and capable applicants working for a broad range of public interest employers who provide high quality legal services. In evaluating each application, the subcommittee will consider a number of factors, including but not limited to the following:

(A). the applicant's demonstrated commitment to and interest in public interest work in general and in the particular public interest work that the subsidy is designed to foster;

(B). the applicant's evidence of leadership, maturity and responsibility;

(C). the applicant's law school class (students who are closer to graduation may be given some preference);

(D). the legal skills that the applicant is likely to gain from the particular work proposed;

(E). the proposed job and how that job furthers the objective of serving the public interest;

(F). the reputation of the employer for providing high quality public interest legal services;

(G). the employer's need for additional outside funding (including consideration of the salary the employer is offering the applicant), and in particular for additional outside staff assistance;

(H). the diversity of employers assisted by the law school by the provision of summer public interest subsidies;

(I). the proportion of the employer's work devoted to public interest legal representation;

(J). the applicant's academic record; and

(K). whether the applicant has received some other public interest subsidy from GWULS (students who have not received such aid may be given some preference).

The award committee, in its discretion, will decide how much weight should be given to each factor. It is policy of the award committee not to discriminate on the basis of age, sex, disability, race, color, religion, ethnic/national origin, veteran status or sexual orientation in the award of these subsidies.

3. For the two Sonnenschein Scholars, the award committee will nominate two qualified recommended students and two qualified alternates. The Board of Directors of the Sonnenschein Scholars Foundation will decide who receives the two Sonnenschein awards based on the criteria listed above. For all of the other public interest subsidies described in this application, the law school award committee is solely responsible for selecting the students to receive the awards.

TIMETABLE

January 25, 2009	Applications available in the Career Development Resource Library. Applications should be typed or completed using black ink.
March 16, 2009	Completed applications (original and requisite copies) must be returned to the Career Development Office by 5:00 p.m. (No materials submitted after this time will be accepted or considered.)
April 1, 2009	Announcement of awards. (Offer letters and acceptance forms, as well as rejection letters, will be placed in student mail boxes at the law school. Students also will be informed if they have been selected as an alternate.)
April 7, 2009	Return completed Acceptance Forms to Professor Zubrow's assistant, on the Third Floor of the E Building. (If you have received both an EJP auction grant and one of these awards, you must decide which public interest subsidy to accept by this date.)
April 9, 2009	Awards of public interest subsidies to alternates will be announced no later than this date and earlier if possible. (Offer letters and acceptance forms for alternates will be placed in student boxes at the law school.)
Beginning of Fall Semester (2009)	Submission of completed Summer Employer Certification Forms to Professor Zubrow's assistant, on the Third Floor of the E Building.
November 26, 2009	Submission of completed Fall Employer Certification Forms to Professor Zubrow's assistant, on the Third Floor of the E Building. (Shapiro Fellowships (S-F) only)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you need additional information that cannot be obtained from Ms. Tamara Devieux-Adams in the Career Development Office, please contact:

Professor Zubrow (subcommittee chair)
Professor Schaffner
Professor Wilmarth

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7. Check the appropriate box (or boxes) if your application satisfies the eligibility requirements for the listed public interest subsidy program and if you want to apply for that particular public interest subsidy. You may check as many boxes as you wish so long as you believe that your application satisfies the eligibility requirements. You will improve your chances of getting an award if you are able to check more than one box.

GWULS Public Interest Scholarship;

Shapiro Public Service Internship;

Shapiro Public Service Fellowship (S-F) (through the Fall semester);

GWULS and Murray Snyder Scholarship;

Shapiro University Public Service Award;

Patton Boggs Public Policy Scholarship;

Sonnenschein Scholar Program;

Reuben A. Zubrow Public Interest Scholarship.

PART II:

1. Previous Public Interest Work Experience.

You may answer the following question as a typewritten attachment; if you elect to do so, please so indicate below and label your answer on the attachment.

List any previous experience with public interest organizations, private or public, whether providing legal, charitable, civic or other community services. For each experience, if possible indicate the name and address of the organization, the dates during which you worked, and whether you were paid or worked pro bono. Please use this section of your application (and/or your personal essay) to indicate how your previous public interest activities are related to your current interest in working for the listed public interest employer. Include a discussion of your work, if any, with student organizations at the law school.

PART III: APPLICATION, ATTACHMENTS AND COPIES

Please attach the following to your application:

1. EMPLOYER COMMITMENT LETTER. Use the attached form. It is the your responsibility to ensure that this form is completed by the public interest employer, attached to this application, and submitted no later than March 16, 2009. No application will be considered without an employer commitment letter.
2. PERSONAL ESSAY.

You should provide your essay as an attachment; please label your answer on the attachment.

In no more than two or three typed pages, describe your interest in and commitment to public interest work in general. (In explaining your dedication to public service, you may include information concerning personal hardships you have experienced in pursuing public interest opportunities in the past.) Describe in particular your interest in the employment that you have secured for the summer of 2009. How does this summer job fit into your long range plans? Why were you interested in this particular organization? What about your past experience or particular skills suggest that you can make a meaningful contribution to the public interest organization? Please add any additional information that might be useful in assessing your application. If you expect to have unusually high living expenses during the summer of 2009, please explain.

3. RESUME.
4. LETTER OF REFERENCES. Although not required, you may attach letters of reference from prior employers, professors, or others (including officers of law school public interest organizations).
5. TRANSCRIPT (official or unofficial).

PLEASE SUBMIT 4 COPIES AND THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION TO THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE BY March 16, 2009.

PART IV: CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information submitted for this scholarship or internship is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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2009 GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL
PUBLIC INTEREST SUMMER & FALL SUBSIDY
EMPLOYER COMMITMENT LETTER

NAME OF STUDENT: _____

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF PROPOSED SUPERVISING ATTORNEY: _____

OFFICE PHONE: _____

1. Please read the following statements and indicate your certification of the following requirements of the program. If necessary, use the "remarks" section below to discuss any problems with or limitations upon your certification.

A. THE ABOVE-NAMED STUDENT HAS ACCEPTED OUR OFFER OF FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT FOR THE SUMMER OF 2009 AND WILL WORK FOR THIS ORGANIZATION FULL-TIME (AT LEAST 40 HOURS PER WEEK) FOR TEN WEEKS OR MORE. (This statement may be marked "correct" even if the student's acceptance is contingent upon receipt of a public interest subsidy from the George Washington University Law School.)

CORRECT SEE REMARKS BELOW NO

B. THE ABOVE-NAMED STUDENT HAS ACCEPTED OUR OFFER OF PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT FOR THE FALL AND WILL WORK FOR TWELVE WEEKS OR MORE (20 HOURS PER WEEK) DURING THE FALL OF 2009. (This statement may be marked "correct" even if the student's acceptance is contingent upon receipt of the Shapiro Fellowship (S-F).)

CORRECT SEE REMARKS BELOW NO

C. THE ABOVE-NAMED STUDENT WILL BE EMPLOYED BY US DURING THE SUMMER OF 2009 FOR _____ WEEKS (_____ HOURS PER WEEK).

CORRECT SEE REMARKS BELOW NO

4. If the student receives one of the following George Washington University public interest subsidies and works at your organization during the summer of 2009, please indicate below that you will abide by the following limits on the payment of additional compensation by your organization to the student:

NAME OF SUBSIDY	MAXIMUM ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION
GWULS Public Interest Scholarships	\$5000
Shapiro Public Service Internship	No additional compensation from employer
Shapiro Public Service Fellowship (S-F)	No additional compensation from employer
GWULS and Murray Snyder Scholarship	\$5000
Shapiro University Public Service Award	No additional compensation from employer
Patton Boggs Public Policy Scholarship	\$5000
Sonnenschein Scholar Program	\$5000
Zubrow Public Interest Scholarship	\$5000

A. This organization will abide by the above-listed limitations on compensation that it may pay to the student for work during the summer(and fall)of 2009.

YES NO

B. This organization will pay the student \$ _____ during the summer of 2009. (If you do not know, please leave blank.)

Supervising Attorney

Date

Organization

IT IS THE APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THIS FORM IS COMPLETED BY THE EMPLOYER AND ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE BY NO LATER THAN March 16, 2009. NO APPLICATION FOR A PUBLIC INTEREST SUBSIDY WILL BE ACCEPTED OR CONSIDERED WITHOUT AN EMPLOYER COMMITMENT LETTER ATTACHED. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME

FOR YOUR EMPLOYER TO COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO YOU.

2009 GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL
PUBLIC INTEREST SUMMER SUBSIDY
EMPLOYER CERTIFICATION LETTER

NAME OF
STUDENT:

NAME OF
ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

1. The above-named student has worked at this organization for _____ weeks during the summer of 2009 (at least 40 hours per week).
2. This organization has paid or will pay the student for his or her summer work a total of \$_____.

Supervising Attorney

Date

PLEASE ASK YOUR PUBLIC INTEREST EMPLOYER TO COMPLETE AND SIGN THIS FORM AT THE END OF YOUR SUMMER PUBLIC INTEREST EMPLOYMENT. YOU MUST RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO PROFESSOR ZUBROW'S ASSISTANT, KATHRINE GALARZA, ON THE 3RD FLOOR OF THE E BUILDING, BY THE TIME FALL, 2009 CLASSES BEGIN IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR ENTIRE PUBLIC INTEREST SUBSIDY.

2009 GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL
PUBLIC INTEREST FALL SUBSIDY EMPLOYER CERTIFICATION LETTER
FOR RECIPIENTS OF SHAPIRO FELLOWSHIPS (S-F)

NAME OF STUDENT: _____

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

1. The above-named student has worked at this organization for _____ weeks during the fall of 2009 (at least 20 hours per week).

2. This organization has not paid the student for his or her work.

Supervising Attorney

Date

PLEASE ASK YOUR PUBLIC INTEREST EMPLOYER TO COMPLETE AND SIGN THIS FORM DURING NOVEMBER, 2009. YOU MUST RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO PROFESSOR ZUBROW'S ASSISTANT, KATHRINE GALARZA, ON THE 3RD FLOOR OF THE E BUILDING, BY NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 26, 2009, IN ORDER THAT YOUR PROVISIONAL TUITION CREDIT CAN BE CONVERTED TO A FINAL CREDIT.