

PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Admitted Students: Apply for our Public Interest Scholars scholarship award by submitting an essay and a resume to publicinterestscholars@law.wnec.edu.

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW AT WESTERN NEW ENGLAND

If you are entering the legal profession to pursue a career in public interest law, you will find support, guidance, and a welcoming environment at Western New England College School of Law. Our commitment to public interest law encompasses scholarship opportunities, classroom teaching, clinical courses, externships and extracurricular activities. For instance, the Law School's active Equal Justice Works chapter is again sending students to New Orleans on an alternative spring break to work with the Student Hurricane Network. We have public interest panels on career opportunities, a monthly speaker series, academic conferences and an array of courses and clinics, augmented with faculty mentoring and support. You name it, we've got it, and all students are invited to attend and participate.

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Western New England College School of Law's support for Public Interest Lawyering includes the establishment of a \$1.75 million endowment fund to support its Public Interest Scholars Program. Each year, the School of Law selects six Public Interest Scholars from its pool of applicants who have demonstrated commitment to public interest work.

Our Public Interest Scholars receive three-year scholarships in values ranging from \$16,000 up to the cost of full tuition, as well as a one-time public interest stipend of \$3,500 for approved public interest work in the summer months after the first or second year of law school.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in applying, please submit your resume and an essay of two pages or less describing why you should be selected as a Public Interest Scholar. Your essay may highlight your aspirations as a future lawyer, your prior work history, public service and other activities, life experiences and education that indicate why you should be a Public Interest Scholar.

Please submit your essay and a resume by email to publicinterestscholars@law.wnec.edu . .

The members of the Public Interest Committee look forward to reading your application, to meeting you this August, and to working and learning with you over the next three years.