

**Villanova University School of Law
Public Interest Scholars Program
Application Instructions**

Villanova University School of Law is a Catholic and Augustinian institution. Respect for human dignity is embodied in our commitment to service. Students are taught that pro bono legal service to the poor should be part of their careers, both as law students and as lawyers. As such each year several students are offered a 100% tuition waiver scholarship based on their past public interest work, academic achievement, leadership and commitment to contribute to public interest endeavors at the Law School and as future public interest practitioners.

The Public Interest Application deadline has been extended to **February 15**. Due to the competitive nature of this program, late applications may not be considered.

As part of the application process, please read carefully the description of the program on the Villanova Law website, more specifically the sections on “Benefits” and “Requirements” of a Public Interest Scholar. They can be found here:

<http://www.law.villanova.edu/Admissions/Applying%20to%20VLS/Public%20Interest%20Scholars%20Program.aspx>

Applicants interested in being considered for the scholarship must submit:

1. Application to the Law School with all of its required documents. This must be done online at <http://www.law.villanova.edu> or at www.lsac.org. For more details, please see the complete application instructions at:

<http://www.law.villanova.edu/Admissions/Applying%20to%20VLS/JD.aspx>

2. A statement with the answer to the following questions must be submitted separately (as an attachment) and emailed to admissions@law.villanova.edu.

Note: This statement need not be different from the personal statement you submitted as part of your admissions application, as long as it addresses the questions required and noted below. If you would like the Scholarship committee to review your personal statement as your Scholarship statement, please so note in an e-mail to the Admissions office.

Questions:

a. Describe your interest in and commitment to practicing public interest law. You must include in your statement that you are certain you want to become a public interest lawyer.

b. List the public interest or community service and leadership activities in which you participated, including both compensated and uncompensated work. For each activity describe what you did and the number of hours on average you worked.

3. Two letters of recommendation are **required** to be considered for the Public Interest scholarship. One of these letters must describe your public interest experience and/or your desire to become a public interest practitioner.

Note: Letters of recommendation need not be different from the letters of recommendation you submitted as part of your admissions application, as long as one of them speaks to your public interest background and/or your desire to become a public interest practitioner. If you would like the Scholarship committee to review letters of recommendation already submitted, please so note in an e-mail to the Admissions office and indicate which letters of recommendation already submitted you would like the Scholarship committee to review.

Please note that by submitting an application to the Public Interest Scholars Program you are acknowledging that you have read and understood the description of the program, especially the “Benefits” and “Requirements” of a Public Interest Scholar. Additionally, submission of a Public Interest Scholarship indicates that you understand that if selected, you will take the required courses and participate in all activities associated with the program.