

SOCIAL JUSTICE SCHOLARS PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

You are invited to apply for inclusion in the 2018 entering class of Social Justice Scholars. The Social Justice Scholars (SJS) Program is an elite scholarship program for Camden-based students with a commitment to public service and social justice.

The SJS Program provides financial incentives and professional development opportunities throughout law school. If selected, you will carry the designation of “Social Justice Scholar.” Only a limited number of students will receive this distinction, which carries the following benefits:

1. Scholarship funding (in addition to existing awards, if any) throughout law school, assuming compliance with program responsibilities.
2. Presumptive funding for summer public-interest work after the first and second years through the [Maida Public Interest Fellowships Program](#).
3. Automatic enrollment in the Social Justice Workshop Series, which explores a variety of cross-cutting themes and concerns in public interest practice and cultivates professional skills.
4. Designated faculty mentor.
5. Small stipends for attendance at public interest conferences.
6. Preferential sign-up for Alumni Mentors in Residence Program events.
7. Preferential access to social justice advocates, mentors, networking opportunities and programming.

Benefits of participation in the Social Justice Scholars Program also come with responsibilities:

1. Social Justice Scholars will assist with planning and executing lectures, symposia, and other public interest-oriented special events.
2. Social Justice Scholars will represent the Law School externally, as appropriate.
3. Social Justice Scholars will complete a minimum of 100 hours of pro bono service before graduation, through approved law school or external projects (with annual milestones).

Social Justice Scholars are not required to commit to careers in public service, but must demonstrate a commitment to using legal skills for the public good in a substantial way through public-service employment and/or pro bono work. For more information about the Social Justice Scholars Program, please contact Jill Friedman, Associate Dean for Pro Bono and Public Interest, at jill.friedman@rutgers.edu or 856-225-6263.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SCHOLARS PROGRAM APPLICATION

1. Applicant Information - type this information on a blank page

- Name
- Address
- Telephone Number
- Email Address
- Rutgers Law School Campus Preference
- Undergraduate Institution, Degree, Graduation Date, and Major
- Undergraduate GPA
- LSAT score

2. Resume

Though you already submitted a resume as part of your law school application, please submit your current resume, reflecting especially the experiences you think are relevant to your candidacy for the Social Justice Scholars Program. Do not include your Social Security number.

3. Applicant Narrative – make sure your name is on each page

In 500 words or fewer, and in 12-point font or larger, describe why you should be designated as a Social Justice Scholar. You may choose to focus on:

- Your personal background and how it has sparked a particular passion.
- Paid or volunteer experiences that have exposed you to a particular problem or population.
- Coursework or academic experiences that excited you.
- Whatever you think demonstrates how and why you plan to devote your professional energies to public service and/or pro bono work.

Please submit your completed application to admissions@law.rutgers.edu by 5:00 PM on April 20, 2018. You may use Word or PDF format. Your subject line should read: Social Justice Scholars Program – Your First Name, Your Last Name