

Amy and Frank Garrison Social Justice Scholar Application

J.D. Class of 2020

Submit this completed form with your printed resume and essays to the Admissions Office by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, March 1, 2018.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- 1. Attach a current resume. Do NOT include your G.P.A.**
- 2. Please specify the employer(s) with whom you have applied for or obtained a position for summer 2018 and the starting and ending dates of those positions. Include the city and state/country of each position.**

A. _____

B. _____

- 3. Complete the following brief essays. One to two well-written paragraphs will suffice for each answer. All essays must be typed and printed. The answer to any one question should not exceed one typewritten page.**

A. Describe past public-interest experience or academic work that has shaped your interest in preparing for a career in social justice or public interest during law school.

B. Accepting a Garrison Social Justice Scholarship means agreeing to pursue an academic curriculum in preparation for a social justice or public interest career. Which VLS resources and opportunities do you plan to employ during your second and third years? How would you use the two summer stipends included in the award?

C. Discuss your personal and career goals, factors that have most significantly influenced them, and any other aspects you consider relevant to your qualifications for the Garrison Social Justice Scholarship.

My signature below indicates that I have read the Information Section of these application materials and that I understand the following:

- If I am offered a Garrison Social Justice Scholar award, I agree to pursue an academic curriculum in preparation for a social justice or public interest career.
- I understand that as a Garrison Social Justice Scholar, I will choose a public interest summer experience for both summers prior to graduation, with at least one summer focused on social justice as described in the information section of this application.

I have attached my printed resume and essays to this form for submission to the Admissions Office by **4:00 p.m., Thursday, March 1, 2018.**

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Garrison Social Justice Scholar Award Information

Each year, the Law School selects at least one Garrison Social Justice Scholar from among current first-year J.D. students who apply for the scholarship. Each Garrison Social Justice Scholar shall:

- receive a supplemental annual scholarship of at least \$7,500¹ for the second and third years of law school
- agree to pursue an academic curriculum in preparation for a social justice or public interest career
- receive a summer fellowship stipend of at least \$5,000² during rising second-year and rising third-year summers
- choose a public interest summer experience for both summers prior to graduation, with at least one summer focused on social justice³

During the spring semester of 2018, the Law School will select one member of the Class of 2020 from among those who apply. The Class of 2020 Garrison Social Justice Scholar Award includes a supplemental annual scholarship of \$8,600 and two summer fellowship stipends of \$5,000, making the total award worth up to \$27,200 over two years.

Notes:

¹ The precise amount of the scholarship is determined each year. The Class of 2020 Garrison Social Justice Scholar award includes a: 1) an annual scholarship of \$8,600 (\$4,300 per semester) that supplements scholarships already received up to full tuition. Students currently receiving full-tuition scholarships are not eligible for Garrison Social Justice awards. Law School scholarship recipients pursuing dual degree programs receive Law School scholarship funds during the semesters in which they are enrolled in the Law School.

² The precise amount of the stipend is determined each year. The Class of 2020 Garrison Social Justice Scholar will receive a \$5,000 stipend for each of the two summers prior to graduation.

³ A "social justice summer experience" focuses on advancing and protecting the rights of individuals (or organizations aiding individuals), particularly those that may have been discriminated against or are otherwise unable or hindered in protecting their own rights to safety, equality and freedom, including but not limited to the poor (including the working poor and indigent criminal defendants), the elderly, the disabled, mentally ill and others deprived of their civil or human rights. A "public interest summer experience" could focus on serving the broader public interest in positions such as interns in judicial chambers, U.S. Attorney's Offices, government agencies, or non-governmental organizations.

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Some examples (not exhaustive) of possible Social Justice or Public Interest summers:

Social Justice

- Legal Aid programs
- Immigrant legal services programs
- Irish Center for Human Rights
- ACLU
- Public Defenders offices
- Southern Center for Human Rights
- Legal Assistance programs for victims of domestic violence
- International human rights organizations

Public Interest

- Judicial chambers
- U.S. Attorney offices
- State Attorneys General
- District Attorneys
- Federal agencies
- International courts