

What is PIFP?



“PIFP” is Villanova’s Walter A. Lucas Public Interest Fellowship Program, an entirely student-led organization dedicated to funding law students who commit their summer to unpaid public interest/public service legal work.

Who is Eligible?

Student Volunteer Requirements:

All students must complete a minimum of seventeen (17) volunteer requirements to be eligible to apply for the PIFP Fellowship.

PIFP Fellow Internship Requirements:

- Must be an unpaid summer internship
 - *External grants/scholarships may be permitted, but you MUST let us know that you are receiving additional funding!*
- Minimum 350 internship hours
- Advances social justice or other causes for the public good

Work that is NOT Eligible for PIFP Funding:

- Judicial Clerkships/Internships
- Plaintiff’s Work at a For-Profit Firm
- Summer Internship for Academic Credit
- Political Campaigns
- Abortion Advocacy

Volunteer Requirements

To be eligible to apply, students must complete the following:

- 7 Auction Donation Solicitations
- 1 Volunteer Shift at Fall Fest
- 2 Auction Donation Pick-Ups
- 2 Auction Prep Shifts
- 1 Auction Item Donation
- 1 Volunteer Shift at Auction
- 1 Set of Thank-You Notes
- 2 Extra Volunteer Requirements

***If you are not sure whether your internship is eligible for PIFP funding, please reach out ASAP!*

Where do Fellows Work?

PIFP Fellows have worked with many nonprofits and government agencies, including:

- Community Legal Services
- Conservation Law Foundation
- District Attorney’s Offices
- National Center for Victims of Crime
- Homeless Advocacy Project
- Public Defender’s Offices
- U.S. Department of Justice

How Can I Get Involved?

Reach out to the current Volunteer Coordinator to be added to our volunteer list or email pifp@law.villanova.edu with any questions!

Attend or volunteer at PIFP events, including our Fellowship Luncheon, Fall Fest, the Week of Public Interest, and the PIFP Auction!

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