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2024 AEF Summer Public Interest Fellowships

AEF awards fellowships every year to law students who are committed to doing public interest work over the summer. Students must meet the following criteria:

- The public interest work must benefit either the Greater Washington, D.C. community-at-large, and/or the Asian Pacific American (APA) community.
- Eligible internship placements include federal, state, and local government; nonprofit organizations; District Attorney and Public Defender Offices; and judicial internships.
- The internship itself must be unpaid (except for nominal payment for items such as transportation, and other grants, fellowships, or funding).
- The internship must be at least eight weeks, or a total of 320 hours.

This year, AEF will award the following fellowships:

- **Robert E. Wone Fellowship:** AEF awards the Robert E. Wone Fellowship to one applicant each year. Created in 2007, this fellowship is awarded to the applicant who most embodies what a former director, Robert E. Wone, sought to be as a lawyer—a trusted member of the community, making a difference in public policies and seeing his efforts improve the circumstances of those around him. The winner of the Wone Fellowship will receive a total stipend of \$5,000 to \$6,000 (depending on funding).
- **AEF Public Interest Fellowships:** AEF awards Public Interest Fellowships to a selected few applicants each year. Each winner will receive a total stipend of \$3,000 to \$4,000 (depending on funding).

Fellows will receive a portion of their stipend at the beginning of the summer. The Fellows will then be responsible for completing the internship to the satisfaction of their employer. The Fellows must provide a written summary of the work performed, and submit their photo to appear in AEF's publications. Upon fulfilling these conditions, the Fellows will receive the remainder of the stipend.

Deadline: Application materials must be received by 11:59 PM ET, on Monday, April 1, 2024, at applications@aefdc.org.



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Application Instructions

Application Materials: Please submit the following items to applications@aefdc.org:

- (1) Application Form (see pages 3-4);
- (2) Employer Form (see pages 5-6);
 - If interning for more than one employer, please submit a form for each employer.
- (3) Resume;
- (4) Personal Statement under 500 words, explaining:
 - Your upcoming internship and how it will benefit the Greater Washington, D.C. community-at-large, and/or the Asian Pacific American (APA) community;
 - Your past or present activities showing commitment to the public interest and/or the APA community; and
 - Your connection to the Greater Washington, D.C. area.
 - **Please note that the Personal Statement carries great weight in the evaluation of your application.*
- (5) Law School Transcript; and
- (6) An Optional Letter of Recommendation.
 - You are welcome to submit a letter of recommendation. This can be from a non-lawyer or a lawyer; anyone who knows you from a professional, extracurricular, volunteer, and/or academic setting would be appropriate. The letter should be limited to one page in length. We encourage letters that speak to your public interest experience and/or interest.
 - **Please note that the letter of recommendation is completely optional.*

Format: Applications must be submitted in one single PDF file, labeled as “Your first and last name, 2024 Fellowship Application.” Items (1)–(5) must be organized in the order delineated above. The optional letter of recommendation may be emailed separately by your recommender, or combined directly with the application.

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Interview: You may be contacted for a 20-minute interview with the AEF Board of Directors. Interviews will likely be held on **Tuesday April 9** or **Thursday April 11**, at **6-8 PM ET**.

If you have any questions, please contact us at applications@aefdc.org.

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APPLICANT FORM

Name of Applicant:	
Law School:	
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	
Address:	

Please identify below all other grants, scholarships, and sources of funding for which you have applied and which you might receive during the same time you are a Fellow. Attach a supplemental sheet, if needed. Omission of information will result in immediate disqualification.

Grant/Scholarship/Source of Funding	Amount	Status of Application

I, the undersigned applicant, certify that all statements and information contained herein and in all application materials are true, correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I, the undersigned applicant, understand that if I am chosen as an AEF Fellow and if: (a) I cease to work for the number of hours set forth in the Employer Form, (b) the nature of the work changes materially, (c) I change or leave the internship, (d) I become subject to academic discipline or cease to be enrolled in law school, or (e) I receive funding for the internship that I had not previously identified in the application, I must immediately provide written notice of such event or condition to AEF at applications@aefdc.org. In any such event or condition, AEF shall determine, in its discretion, whether forfeiture of the Fellowship or a modification of the terms or amount of the award is appropriate.

Signature

Date

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EMPLOYER FORM

This form should be completed by the employer, supervisor, or professor under whose supervision the applicant would be working during the period of the Fellowship.

Employer's Name:	
Employer's Address:	
Immediate Supervisor's Name:	
Immediate Supervisor's Phone Number:	
Immediate Supervisor's Email Address:	

Is the employer a non-profit organization? Yes ____ No ____

On a separate sheet, please describe:

- (a) the type of position offered to the applicant,
- (b) the nature of the project or work to be performed by the applicant,
- (c) the start date of such project or work,
- (d) the number of hours to be worked by the applicant, and
- (e) the length of time the applicant will be so employed or engaged.

I, the undersigned employer or representative of the employer, certify that _____ (name of applicant) will be working under my supervision and that all information contained in this form and the accompanying sheet is true, correct, and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I, the undersigned employer or representative of the employer, understand that if the applicant receives a Fellowship and if: (a) the applicant ceases to work for the number of hours set forth on the separate sheet referenced above, (b) the nature of the work changes materially, or (c) the applicant leaves my employ or otherwise ceases to be supervised by me, I must immediately provide written notice of such event or condition to AEF at applications@aefdc.org.

Signature of Employer or Representative of Employer

Date

Printed Name of Employer or Representative of Employer