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University of Hawai`i
William S. Richardson
School of Law

The Environmental Law Society
Grant Application
Summer 2009
### ELS Summer Grant: Overview for Interested Applicants

| **Purpose** | To encourage students of the William S. Richardson School of Law (WSRSL) to participate in career opportunities relating to the environment.  
|             | To help WSRSL fulfill its mission of educating prospective lawyers who will practice environmental law in Hawai`i. |
| **Scope**   | ELS will only fund proposals that involve work with organizations specializing in environmental law. The organizations may be private, non-profit, or government.  
|             | Applicants need not be members of ELS. |
| **Amount**  | $1,500 for a 150-hour commitment over the course of the summer.  
|             | Distributed as follows:  
|             | $750 upon submittal of work plan, including the name of the organization and the time frame for the grant work.  
|             | $750 upon completion of the grant work, submittal of the Grantee’s Final Evaluation Form, and signed timesheet reporting completion of 150 hours. |
| **Factors Considered** | Applicant’s commitment and support of environmental issues as demonstrated by the applicant’s volunteer service to the community;  
|                     | Involvement with ELS;  
|                     | 1-2 page essay detailing why the applicant wants to work in the environmental field and/or past experiences working with environmental issues;  
|                     | Academic and employment background;  
|                     | Preference granted to first year students; this, however, will not be a determinative factor. |
| **Process**   | A completed application consists of:  
|             | 1. Applicant’s Resume  
|             | 2. Application Form(s)  
|             | 3. 1-2 page essay |
| **Deadline** | Applicants must submit the completed application by **10 PM on April 8, 2009** by email to Kau’i Yamane at kauyam@gmail.com |
| **Selection Process** | The Selection Committee will review all applications and schedule interviews with the top candidates between April 13 and April 17. (Note: the selection committee may determine that an interview process is unnecessary). |
| **Questions** | Please contact Kau’i Yamane at kauyam@gmail.com |
1. One (1) $1,500 grant is available to a student of the William S. Richardson School of Law. The funded activity must be with an organization specializing in environmental law. The organization may be non-profit, private, or government. All grantees must work under the supervision of an attorney within the organization. The funded activity must involve the grantee’s legal skills and focus on environmental law.

2. Grantees must commit to work a **minimum of 150 hours during the summer immediately following selection for an ELS summer grant**, beginning no earlier than the first day after the Spring exam period, and ending no later than the first day of the Fall semester. Although ELS requires a 150 hour minimum, some organizations may require a greater commitment of the grantee. Thus, the grantee should clarify the commitment required from his/her supervising attorney. Although hours can be flexible, the student must spend at least 50 of his/her hours working in the organization’s office. This is to ensure adequate supervision and to maximize the student’s experience with the organization.

3. Grantees must submit signed testimony by supervising attorney stated that the grantee has completed the full 150 hours.

4. Return a resume, application, and 1-2 page essay by 10 PM on April 8, 2009 to Kau'i Yamane at kauyam@gmail.com.

5. Applications are not required to have a position prior to applying for the ELS summer grant. Applicants, however, are strongly encouraged to arrange a summer work position and contact possible supervising attorneys as soon as possible. The grant winner will have the assistance of the selection committee in finding a supervising attorney.

6. ELS will pay the grantee in two increments during the summer: $750 when the grant work begins and $750 at the end of the grant, upon completion of the “Grantee’s Final Evaluation Form” and submission of time sheets for a total of 150 hours. The grantee and the supervising attorney must complete final evaluation forms at the end of the placement.
ELS SUMMER GRANT STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

Please type or handwrite neatly, and use additional pages as necessary

1. Name: ___________________________________________ Yr. in law sch: _____
   Address: ___________________________________________ Phone: ___________
   Email address: ___________________________________________

2. Describe your involvement with ELS, if any. Please include your plans for future involvement, if any:

3. Are you interested in pursuing an environmental law certificate?

4. Will you also be attempting to fulfill your pro bono requirement if you are accepted for the ELS Summer Grant (i.e., are you willing to work beyond the 150 hour minimum if approved for pro bono)?

5. Please attach a 1-2 page essay describing why you want to work in environmental law and/or your past experiences working with the environment.

_________________________________________ ____________________________
Signature of Applicant                        Date