

SABA CHICAGO FOUNDATION
LAW STUDENT PUBLIC INTEREST
FELLOWSHIP 2022 APPLICATION Fellowship
Application Deadline: June 15, 2023

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your interest in the South Asian Bar Association of Chicago Foundation (the “SABA Chicago Foundation”) Law Student Public Interest Fellowship! The SABA Chicago Foundation Fellowship will be providing a **\$5,000 grant to one law student who has demonstrated a commitment to public service.**

All applicants for the 2023 SABA Chicago Foundation Law Student Public Interest Fellowship (“Fellowship”) must complete this application and sign the Applicant’s Certification at the end of this form. Additionally, to promote the grant recipient's exposure to public interest law, the selected applicant must commit to volunteering for a minimum of **10 hours, between July to December of 2023**, in support of SABA Chicago Foundation's pro bono activities as the SABA Chicago Foundation Summer Fellow.

A completed application consists of the following:

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***Finalists will be asked to participate in a brief interview as a condition of further consideration.**

***All applications must be submitted to by midnight on Thursday, June 15, 2023. The recipient of the fellowship will be announced by Friday, June 30, 2023.**

***If you have any questions, please contact the SABA Foundation at sabafellow@gmail.com. Please return the completed application to sabafellow@gmail.com.**

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the SABA Chicago Foundation Fellowship, the applicant must be a current first-year or second-year law student, and must have committed to serve in a public interest position in a legal capacity during the summer of 2023.

The applicant may receive up to, but no more than, \$12,500 in summer earnings, including the SABA Chicago Foundation Fellowship grant, to remain eligible for funding. The SABA Chicago Foundation may seek to verify the total funds received by recipient. A violation of this condition will require the applicant to return the full Fellowship grant amount to the SABA Chicago Foundation. Recipients must provide written confirmation of their summer employment with a public interest organization and the anticipated total amount of summer earnings before the grant will be paid to them.

SABA Chicago Foundation defines “public interest” positions as jobs that provide services to underrepresented persons or interests, to the government (including judicial internships), or to non-profit entities serving community interests.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Fellowship applicants must also submit a statement committing to volunteer at least 10 hours total from June to December of 2023 in support of SABA Chicago Foundation’s pro bono legal activities as the SABA Chicago Foundation Summer Fellow. Exceptions to this requirement will be considered on a case- by case basis and will take into account factors such as availability or conflicting policies of the intern’s chosen employer. Send questions or concerns about the applicant's ability to fulfill clinic **participation requirement** to sabafellow@gmail.com. Please note, if pro bono legal activities are unavailable, the SABA Foundation board will meet with fellowship recipients on a monthly basis to discuss other opportunities.

SECTION I

APPLICANT INFORMATION

**GENERAL
INFORMATION**

1. Name/Pronouns:

2. Current and Permanent Mailing Address:

3. Phone and Email:

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

4. Undergraduate Institution

Major:

Dates of Attendance:

Date of Graduation:

5. Graduate Institution (other than law
school) Dates of Attendance:

Date of Graduation:

6. Law School

Dates of Attendance:

Date of Anticipated Graduation:

- Extracurricular activities, honors, recognitions, awards:

SECTION II

EMPLOYER INFORMATION & JOB DESCRIPTION

Public Interest Employer 1:

Organization's Name:

Contact Person:

Phone:

E-mail:

Mailing Address:

Do you have an offer yet? Yes _____ No _____

If not, when do you expect to hear from the organization?

Can Employer 1 provide financial support? Yes _____ No _____ Unknown _____

If so, how much?

Describe the organization and its mission (200-word limit):

Describe the specific work you are likely to perform with this organization and how that work provides legal services that benefit the public interest and, if applicable, the South Asian community. (200-word limit):

SECTION III

RESUME & PERSONAL STATEMENT

RESUME

Please attach a copy of your current resume.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please discuss why you are committed to public interest and, if applicable, the South Asian community. (500- word limit).

SECTION IV
APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

I am applying for the SABA Chicago Foundation Law Student Public Interest Fellowship for Summer 2023. In submitting this application, I certify that all of the following statements are true: (Please initial each.)

___ To the best of my knowledge, all of the information submitted in support of my SABA Chicago Foundation Fellowship application is complete and accurate.

___ I understand that I may receive up to, but no more than, \$12,500 in summer earnings, including the SABA Chicago Foundation Fellowship grant, to remain eligible for the SABA Chicago Foundation Fellowship. Earnings include those from any non-law school funding source, including other employment or grants and in-kind contributions. I agree that any money earned in excess of \$12,500 will be subtracted from my SABA Chicago Foundation Fellowship grant. I agree to report such outside income.

___ If awarded a SABA Chicago Foundation Fellowship, I will work full-time in one of the positions listed in my application (or listed in an approved amendment to my application). If I do not comply with this requirement, I agree to refund my entire SABA Chicago Foundation Fellowship grant unless specifically authorized otherwise by the SABA Chicago Foundation Board on the basis of compelling extenuating circumstances.

___ I understand that the SABA Chicago Foundation has the right to contact my employer to ensure compliance with the SABA Chicago Foundation Fellowship grant requirements.

___ I understand that as a condition of receiving this Fellowship, I must commit and volunteer for a minimum of ten (10) hours from June through December 2023 in support of SABA Chicago's pro bono legal activities. If pro bono legal activities are unavailable, I agree to meet with the SABA Foundation board on a monthly basis.

___ I understand that I may not appeal any decision made by the Fellowship Judges or the SABACHicago Foundation.

___ I have created and retained a copy of this Applicant's Certification for future reference. I understand that failure to comply with any of the above conditions may be grounds for the SABA Chicago Foundation to remove my application from consideration, request a refund of part, or all, of my SABA Chicago Foundation Fellowship grant, or undertake any other remedial action, as the SABA Chicago Foundation deems appropriate.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Applicant Name (please print)