

**SABA CHICAGO FOUNDATION  
LAW STUDENT PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP  
2021 APPLICATION  
Fellowship Application Deadline: Saturday, May 15, 2020**

**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 \$2,500 grant to two law school students this year who works in an unpaid or low-paid summer position benefiting the public interest. Work benefiting the South-Asian community is preferable but not required.

All applicants for the 2021 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 18 hours between June to December of 2021 in support of SABA Chicago Foundation’s pro bono activities, including the Cyriac Kappil Clinic, as the SABA Chicago Foundation Summer Intern.

A completed application consists of the following:

- Section I      Applicant Information
- Section II     Employer Information & Job Description
- Section III    Resume & Personal Statement
- Section IV    Applicant’s Certification and statement of commitment to volunteering in support of SABA Chicago Foundation’s pro bono legal activities.

If the applicant has not yet received and accepted an offer of employment for the summer, the applicant should list all possible, paid or unpaid, public interest or otherwise, positions he/she is considering. Applicants are encouraged to attach additional pages if necessary to explain any answer(s).

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

**All applications must be submitted to the SABA Chicago Foundation by midnight on Saturday, May 15, 2020. The recipient of the fellowship will be announced by Tuesday, June 15, 2021.**

Questions should be directed to Lynn Preshad ([lpreshad@dreyfuslawgroup.com](mailto:lpreshad@dreyfuslawgroup.com)), Secretary of the SABA Chicago Foundation Board. Please return the completed application to Lynn Preshad via e-mail at [lpreshad@dreyfuslawgroup.com](mailto:lpreshad@dreyfuslawgroup.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 work in a public interest position in a legal capacity during the summer of 2021.

The applicant may receive up to, but no more than, \$10,000 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.

### **What are the job eligibility criteria for the SABA Chicago Foundation Fellowship?**

To be eligible for consideration for the SABA Chicago Foundation Fellowship, a candidate must obtain a summer position that is:

- With a non-profit organization or a government agency (including judicial internships);
- Consistent with the SABA Chicago Foundation’s Fellowship definition of public interest; and
- One in which the student will work a minimum of 8 weeks and a total of at least 320 hours during the summer.

### **Are there any jobs that do not qualify for SABA Chicago Foundation funding?**

Yes. Regardless of whether a job meets the above criteria, the SABA Chicago Foundation Fellowship will not fund:

- Work for any politician, political party, or other entity in association with an election for public office;
- Work for which the political support or other affiliation of the student is a prerequisite for employment consideration; or
- Work for a for-profit law firm or corporate entity.

### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

Upon the conclusion of their summer employment, Fellowship recipients must submit a 1000 word typed evaluation/summary of their experience in their SABA Chicago Foundation funded position by **Sunday, October 3, 2021**.

Fellowship applicants must also submit a statement committing to volunteer at least 18 hours total from June to December of 2021 in support of SABA Chicago Foundation’s pro bono legal activities as the SABA Chicago Foundation Summer Intern. Exceptions to this requirement will be considered on a case-by case basis and will take into account factors such as conflicting policies of the intern’s chosen employer. Questions or concerns about the applicant’s ability to fulfill the clinic participation requirement can be directed to [lpreshad@dreyfuslawgroup.com](mailto:lpreshad@dreyfuslawgroup.com).

**SECTION I**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Name:

2. Current Mailing Address:

Street: Apt.: #  
City: State: ZIP:  
Phone:  
E-mail:

3. Permanent Address:

Street: Apt.:  
City: State: ZIP:  
Phone:  
E-mail:

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

4. Undergraduate Institution

Name:  
City: State:  
Dates of Attendance: Date of Graduation:

5. Graduate Institution (other than law school)

Name:  
City: State:  
Dates of Attendance: Date of Graduation:

6. Law School

Name: State:  
Dates of Attendance: Date of Anticipated Graduation:  
Honors, Awards, or Special Recognitions:

7. Have you previously attended any other law school?

If so, please explain:

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

## **SECTION II**

### **EMPLOYER INFORMATION & JOB DESCRIPTION**

Public Interest Employer 1:

Organization's Name:

Contact Person:

Phone:

E-mail:

Mailing Address:

City/State/Zip Code:

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):

Public Interest Employer 2 (if applicable):

Organization's Name:

Contact Person:

Phone: (        )

E-mail:

Mailing Address:

City/State/Zip Code:

Do you have an offer yet? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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

Can Employer 2 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):

**Note:** The Fellowship Judges will evaluate your application based on the Public Interests jobs you describe herein. If you do not take one of the opportunities you identify above, you will be required to submit an amendment to your application identifying and describing your summer position.

ADDITIONAL SUMMER EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Please list any other paid or unpaid summer employment positions you may have during the 2021 Summer, regardless of if they are public interest positions or within the legal field.

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9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

### **SECTION III**

#### **RESUME & PERSONAL STATEMENT**

##### **RESUME**

Please provide a copy of your current resume.

##### **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Please discuss how your summer experience will help you contribute to the 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 2021. In submitting this application, I certify that all of the following statements are true: (Please check the boxes)**

\_\_\_ 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, \$10,000 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 \$10,000 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) for a total of at least **8 weeks and 320 hours**. 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 will submit to the SABA Chicago Foundation a typed evaluation/summary of my experience in my SABA Chicago Foundation funded position. I understand that this evaluation will be due by **Sunday, October 3, 2021**. I understand that this written statement may be used to provide information about the public interest work that SABA Chicago Foundation supports and to promote the SABA Chicago Foundation Fellowship.

\_\_\_ I understand that as a condition of receiving this Fellowship, I must commit and volunteer for a minimum of eighteen (18) hours from June through December 2021 in support of SABA Chicago's pro bono legal activities.

\_\_\_ I understand that I may not appeal any decision made by the Fellowship Judges or the SABA Chicago 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) \_\_\_\_\_