



Breaking Barriers to Justice

Law Student Fellowship Program

Want to make a difference this summer? Land of Lincoln Legal Aid seeks a motivated law student to join us as a **Summer Fellow in our Public Benefits Unit office**. Land of Lincoln Legal Aid provides free civil legal services to low-income individuals in 65 counties in Illinois. We are committed to working for justice with those whose voices might otherwise not be heard; to assist individuals in advocating for themselves; and to make positive changes in collaboration with the communities we serve. Our attorneys provide holistic legal advocacy in partnership with community organizations, social service agencies, and faith-based groups.

The law student fellow will assist clients in public benefits related cases that include state and federal health and economic security related programs. The fellow may also work with community partners and perform outreach.

Responsibilities may include:

- Interview clients and follow up with them by email and telephone
- Draft pleadings, letters, and memorandums of law
- Conduct legal research, investigations, and collect evidence
- Attend court and administrative hearings; if licensed pursuant to Rule 711, may represent clients and engage in negotiation under attorney supervision
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Completed 1L or 2L year of law school
- Strong commitment to social and racial justice
- Demonstrated ability to build relationships and work with people of diverse social, economic, and racial/ethnic backgrounds
- Ability to communicate with diverse audiences
- Excellent verbal, analytical, writing and organization skills
- Highly motivated, with a strong attention to detail

Special Working Conditions and Demands:

- Applicants must have reliable transportation, valid driver's license, and car insurance.
- Applicants must have regular access to a computer and internet.

Compensation:

\$6500 for 400 hours of work over the summer

Land of Lincoln is an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourages applications from people of color, persons with disabilities, women, LBGTQIA+ gender non-conforming applicants.

Please send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to the following Managing Attorney:

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