



/ Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Veterans Legal Corps LAW STUDENT PROGRAM

Organization: Neighborhood Legal Services

Location: 928 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Neighborhood Legal Services (NLS) was established in 1966 as a non-profit, public interest law firm to provide civil legal assistance to poor and vulnerable residents of Allegheny, (and later) Beaver, Butler and Lawrence Counties. www.nlsa.us

POSITION SUMMARY

NLS is hosting an opportunity for law students to serve in the Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Veterans Legal Corps as a Law Student Member. The Veterans Legal Corps Law Student Program will engage 238 law students to serve as AmeriCorps members around the country who are working to expand the delivery of legal services to low-income and/or homeless veterans and their families.

Veterans Legal Corps Law Student Members will improve the lives of low-income and homeless veterans by providing legal assistance that ultimately leads to higher incomes, better health, safer and more secure housing, and family stability. At NLS, Student Members will have the opportunity to serve alongside a Veterans Legal Corps Fellow (attorney). All Veterans Legal Corps Law Student Members will conduct legal research, draft legal memoranda and documents, engage in case investigation, conduct client interviews, and develop case strategy.

Students must complete a minimum of 300 hours of service by August 30, 2019, unless prior written approval is provided by Equal Justice Works. Requirements to serve include completion and clearance of the National Sex Offender Public Registry check, state criminal background check(s), FBI fingerprint criminal background check, and submission of proof of U.S. citizenship.

This internship begins May 20, 2019 and ends July 12, 2019. Rising 2Ls and 3Ls are encouraged to apply; no law graduates will be considered for this position.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

The Veterans Legal Corps Law Student Program is part of an AmeriCorps-funded program administered by Equal Justice Works that provides law students with the

opportunity to earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award of approximately \$1,230 that can be used to pay educational expenses or student loans.

Students may seek up to \$4,422 in outside funding for their service, to receive approximately \$5,600 in funding. The \$4,422 in additional funding may be funded by a Federal Work Study Award, the student's law school, local bar foundation, and/or other public interest fellowship award. In addition, students are welcome to hold outside employment to supplement their income.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Email martinc@nlsa.us a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and unofficial law school transcript. Please indicate if eligible to be certified under PA Bar Admission Rule 321: http://www.pabarexam.org/bar_admission_rules/321.htm

Additionally, interested applicants must submit an application through the Equal Justice Works [Student Application Manager](#). More information is available at <https://www.equaljusticeworks.org/law-students/part-time-summer/vlc/>.

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