

AWARDS FELLOWSHIPS SCHOLARSHIPS

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Introduction

The S.J. Quinney College of Law, the University of Utah, and numerous outside organizations sponsor a variety of awards, fellowships, scholarships, and writing competitions which are available to S.J. Quinney College of Law students. This handbook provides a summary of most of these opportunities, as well as application forms for many of the fellowships and scholarships that require them. Applications are due at different times throughout the year, depending on the specific scholarship or fellowship, but most are due during the spring semester.

Scholarship and fellowship information is posted on the bulletin boards inside the Gibson Reading Room. Additional information is available from Associate Dean Reyes Aguilar in the Admissions Office, Associate Dean Kristin Erickson in the Legal Career Services Office, and Associate Dean Barbara Dickey in the Office of Student Affairs. Dean Dickey also sends e-mails to students on newly received writing competitions.

I. AWARDS

First-, second-, and third-year law students are eligible for a variety of awards recognizing academic achievement, superior writing, and high ethical standards. With the exception of the David Lewis Clinical Award, for which students may nominate themselves, students do not apply for these awards. They are given for the highest grade in a class or are conferred by the course professor or the Faculty Awards Committee. See Barbara Dickey for additional information.

- ▶ **American Bankruptcy Institute Award.** The ABI awards a certificate and a medal to the student who achieves a high level of academic performance in a bankruptcy-related course or clinic and is recommended by his or her instructor or supervisor. Eligibility for the award requires participation in any course, seminar, or internship program in which bankruptcy is a major focus including rehabilitating bankruptcy, creditor-debtor relations, advanced commercial law, or a United States bankruptcy court judicial internship. The faculty chooses the recipient.
- ▶ **CALI.** The purpose of the CALI award is to recognize academic excellence in legal education. CALI recognizes students who receive the highest grade in a course. There are no restrictions on the number of courses or the number of students within a course. The only restriction is that all courses be law-related and taught within the law school
- ▶ **William H. Leary Scholars.** Leary scholars are students whose grades place them in the top 20 percent of their class. For first-year students, the Leary selection is made following the completion of first-year courses. For second- and third-year students, designations are made following each semester and are based solely on that semester's grades. To be eligible for a given semester, a student must complete no fewer than 12 credit hours, 10 of which must be graded.
- ▶ **David T. Lewis Clinical Award.** Awards are given each year to graduating seniors who have outstanding achievement in the Clinical Program. The clinical director, with the advice of a committee chosen by her, makes the awards. Nominations may come from faculty, clinical supervisors, or students may nominate themselves. A cash award of approximately \$100 is presented to each recipient. The deadline for nominations is generally the end of spring semester.

- ▶ **National Association of Women Lawyers Award.** The NAWL awards a one-year honorary membership and a year's subscription to the NAWL *Law Journal* to an outstanding law graduate who has demonstrated academic achievement, motivation, tenacity, and drive; who exhibits promise for future contributions to the advancement of women in society; and presents a personable and professional image. The Dean's Office chooses the recipient.

- ▶ **Order of the Coif.** The Order of the Coif, the highest academic honor granted to graduates of the S.J. Quinney College of Law, is a national society founded to encourage legal scholarship and advance the ethical standards of the profession. Each year, the faculty confers membership on students who place in the highest 10 percent of their graduating class. To be eligible, a student must receive graded credit for at least three-quarters of the total number of hours required for graduation. (Under the current requirement of 88 hours, a minimum of 66 graded hours satisfies requirements regardless of how many hours a student may have accumulated prior to graduation.)
 Transfer students who have completed less than two-thirds of their work at this law school are not eligible. (The National Executive Committee has determined that even though such students are ineligible for election to Coif, they must be included in determining the top 10 percent of the graduating class.)

- ▶ **S.J. Quinney College of Law Outstanding Achievement Award.** The Outstanding Achievement Award certificate is given in each graded course (other than seminars) with an enrollment of at least 12 students. The course professor selects the student whose work is deemed the most outstanding. In the event of a tie, the professor will attempt to select a single winner. If the selection process does not produce one winner, co-winners will be accepted (but no more than two).

- ▶ **Robert Schmid Natural Resources Writing Award.** The student who writes the best paper on a natural resources-related topic is awarded \$250. The faculty nominates papers, and the Faculty Awards Committee chooses the recipient.

- ▶ **Stephen Pierre Traynor Legal Writing Award.** The Traynor Legal Writing Award annually recognizes outstanding writing by an advanced student. The recipient receives \$750 and has his or her name inscribed on the Stephen Pierre Traynor plaque. The faculty nominates student, law review, or journal papers, which, after editing, remain substantially the work of the student. The Faculty Awards Committee chooses the recipient.

- ▶ **Utah Civil Rights and Liberties Award.** The \$100 Utah Civil Rights and Liberties Award is given to the student who writes the best research paper in a class or seminar on the First Amendment, or in a comparable class that requires a research paper. The faculty nominates student papers and the Faculty Awards Committee chooses the recipient.

- ▶ **James A. Valeo Utah State Bar Corporate Counsel Section Award.** The Utah bar's Corporate Counsel Section offers a \$1,000 award to an outstanding second-year student in the business organizations course, as determined by the professors who taught the course. The recipient is notified prior to the start of his or her third year.

II. FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS. Students are encouraged to apply for the following fellowships and scholarships, some of which are offered exclusively to S.J. Quinney College of Law students.

For many fellowships, a student must secure summer or permanent employment in a public service field. Others are based upon written work. A number of them carry a University-paid graduate tuition benefit. If so, the recipient will be informed by the law school.

Applications and accompanying materials for most scholarships and fellowships are generally due during spring semester. Some are due earlier in the school year. See Barbara Dickey for additional information.

- ▶ **Reva Beck Bosone Scholarship.** The Women's Law Caucus sponsors this scholarship, an annual cash award given to a first- or second-year student who is a member of the Women's Law Caucus and who is in good academic standing. A WLC selection committee considers the candidate's contributions and potential to make a significant contribution in a field of importance to women. The WLC announces when applications will be accepted, currently early fall semester.

- ▶ **J. Reuben Clark Society Internship Program.** A \$3,000 stipend will be awarded to a student whose academic work is distinguished but who has been unable to obtain summer legal employment following the first- or second-year of law school. The recipient will be expected to spend at least half of the summer providing pro bono legal services to a selected Utah charity. Applications are due February 22, 2005.

- ▶ **Dewsnup Fellowship.** This fellowship is awarded to a first-year student who has demonstrated an interest in natural resources law and excellence in academics. It provides a scholarship for the second year of law school, a tuition benefit, and a summer clerkship with the Utah Attorney General's Office working in the area of natural resources. Applications are due by February 11, 2005.

- ▶ **Marriner S. Eccles Graduate Fellowship.** This \$12,000 scholarship is for graduate students pursuing research in banking, business, education, finance, humanities, law, or social services, and its impact on relationships among politics, public policy, and the economy. Second-year students are encouraged to apply.

Several Eccles fellowships are awarded each year. Applications are due February 1, 2005.

- ▶ **Fordham Loan Forgiveness Program.** To assist and encourage students to pursue careers in public interest law, this loan repayment assistance program helps graduates who are employed in the public sector repay educational loans. The designation of recipients depends upon the availability of funds.

The program guidelines are attached. Applications are accepted two times per year, March 31 and September 30.
- ▶ **Lionel Frankel Public Interest Summer Fellowship.** The college and the Public Interest Law Organization award summer stipends ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for students doing public interest legal work during the summer. Applications are due April 1, 2005.
- ▶ **Reza Ali Khazeni Memorial Fellowship in Environmental Law.** This fellowship provides \$3,000 to supplement a student's commitment to work in a low- or non-paying not-for-profit environmental agency or organization. Applicants must have completed the first year of law school. Criteria include unquestioned integrity, exemplary character, and excellent judgment. The recipient must have the dedication and ability to be a professional and community leader; believe that a lawyer's primary responsibility is to serve the broader public interest; and demonstrate a commitment to preservation of the environment. Applications are due February 22, 2005. See John Martinez for additional information.
- ▶ **John Farr and Ann Clayton Larson Scholarship.** This scholarship honors a first- or second-year student who demonstrates academic achievement and an ongoing commitment to family and juvenile law issues through course work, extracurricular activities, volunteer participation, and/or previous experience. Applications are due February 22, 2005.
- ▶ **Minority Law Caucus Scholarships.** The Minority Law Caucus scholarships are awarded to MLC members in good academic standing. The MLC selection committee considers a variety of factors, which may include contributions to the community and financial need. Scholarships are generally awarded in the late spring.

- ▶ **O'Hara Honors Program in Natural Resources Law.** The O'Hara Honors Program provides a law school merit scholarship for the recipient's third year of law school. Depending on available funding in the state Attorney General's Office, there is also the possibility of an optional summer clerkship and a two-year attorney position practicing natural resources law with the Attorney General's Office. Applications are due February 11, 2005.

- ▶ **S.J. Quinney College of Law Summer Intern Diversity Program.** This program is open to first-year students from groups that traditionally have had little or no exposure to professional legal settings, such as minorities, the economically disadvantaged, and international students. The program offers these students the opportunity to work in a medium- to large-sized Salt Lake City law firm during the summer following their first year of law school. Internships are for 10 weeks and carry a \$3,000 stipend. Internships are dependent on law firm interest.

- ▶ **Senior Lawyer Volunteer Project Summer Internship.** Utah Legal Services sponsors the Senior Lawyer Volunteer Project, which provides free legal services to low-income clients, especially the elderly. A \$4,000 fellowship is awarded to a law student who has demonstrated a commitment to the elderly, and who believes a lawyer's primary responsibility is to serve the broader public interest. The intern serves as a clerk to the coordinator of the Senior Lawyer Volunteer Project. Applications are due February 22, 2005.

- ▶ **Snell and Wilmer Diversity Fellowship Program.** The Snell & Wilmer Diversity Fellowship Program provides an educational and training experience to a second-year law student during spring semester. The successful candidate for the Program will be the person who, in the opinion of Snell & Wilmer will best represent groups that traditionally have had limited exposure to professional law firm settings and whose diversity and unique perspectives and skills will provide Snell & Wilmer with an experience that may not otherwise be available to the Salt Lake City Snell & Wilmer office. The fellowship pays a \$4,000 stipend. The selection process takes place during the fall semester.

- ▶ **Edward D. and Carol J. Spurgeon Public Interest Fellowship.** This fellowship provides \$4,000 to support summer employment in a low- or non-paying position with a public service office or agency. Recipients are selected by a committee that considers the student's choice of employment and long-term commitment to public service as demonstrated by academic, vocational, and public service activities. Applications are due February 22, 2005.

- ▶ **Robert W. Swenson Fellowship in Natural Resources Law.** The Natural Resources Law Forum, a student organization, awards an annual fellowship of \$2,250 to a first- or second-year student in good standing who is a member of the organization. The recipient must demonstrate a commitment to environmental or natural resources law and a strong desire to work in the field. Applications are due February 22, 2005.

- ▶ **Roger and Madeleine Traynor Scholarship for Excellence in Legal Writing and Scholarship.** This \$4,500 scholarship is awarded annually to an advanced law student who has demonstrated distinction in legal writing and scholarship. Applications are due May 6, 2005. The Faculty Awards Committee selects the recipient.

See the Graduate Fellowships section for additional fellowships and scholarships.

III. WRITING COMPETITIONS

- ▶ **Garr Cutler Energy Award.** One or more Garr Cutler Energy Awards of \$1,500 each are made annually by the Graduate School of the University of Utah for work on a paper which, in the opinion of the awards committee, will make a significant contribution in the area of energy. "Energy" is broadly interpreted to include ecological, sociological, and legal matters related to energy, as well as problems in the research and development of energy resources or facilities. Law students often receive this award. Applications are to the Office of Graduate Fellowships, 310 Park Building. Application deadline is February 1, 2005.

- ▶ **Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation.** Scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 and up are available for law students who demonstrate the potential to make a significant contribution to the field of natural resources law. For application forms and further information, contact Professor Robert Adler. Applications are generally due in October and April.

- ▶ **Other Writing Competitions.** Throughout the year, the college receives information regarding numerous local and national writing competitions for students. These competitions are posted in the Gibson Reading Room, and are advertised via e-mail each week.

IV. NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

The S.J. Quinney College of Law has more than 35 privately funded named scholarships from which awards are made each year to more than 30 percent of the student body. The first criteria is demonstrated financial need. In addition, a few private donors have requested that other factors be taken into consideration, such as being a single parent, being married, being born in a certain geographical area, having a disadvantaged background, being a member of a minority group, or having an interest in a specific area of law. A few are based on a combination of merit and need.

Candidates for need-based scholarships must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and College of Law Need-Based Scholarship Application (available in the law school admissions and financial aid office) to obtain a need analysis. The FAFSA is available January 1st and the scholarship application is distributed to all students in the early spring.

Need-based scholarships generally are awarded in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$3,000. They may not be used for summer terms, terms away from the University of Utah, by students registered for fewer than 11 credit hours per semester, or to meet additional costs associated with study abroad.

Olga V. Alexandria Scholarship	Jones, Waldo, Holbrook & McDonough
Leroy S. Axland Memorial Scholarship	Scholarship
Robert and Amy T. Barker Scholarship	Mitchell Melich Scholarship
Wallace and Evelyn Bennett Scholarship	Robert D. Merrill Scholarship
S.J. Quinney College of Law Scholarship	Judge Logan Morris Scholarship
Ted Dikeou Scholarship	A. Dennis Norton Scholarship
Diversity Student Support Scholarship	Alex and Margret Oser Need-Based
Fabian and Clendenin Albert Colton	Scholarship
Scholarship	Jill P. Peterson Memorial Scholarship
Larry K. Hurlless Memorial Scholarship	Dwight A. Pomeroy Jr. Scholarship
Immigration and Refugee Assistance	Professors' Scholarship
Endowed Scholarship	D. Carl and Vera Richards Scholarship
Paul E. Iverson Scholarship	Stephen L. Richards Scholarship
George Jones Scholarship	Bernard J. Stewart Memorial Merit
Susan Cooper Jones Scholarship	Scholarship
Wilford Kirton Scholarship	Justin and Martha Stewart Scholarship
George W. and Rhoda E. Latimer Scholarship	E. Wayne Thode Scholarship
Samuel and Bertha Bernstein Scholarship	Arvo Van Alstyne Need-Based Scholarship
George and Dolores Eccles Foundation Need	William Hilton Waggoner Scholarship
Based Scholarship	Cletha Walstrand Scholarship
Gordon Jensen Memorial Scholarship	M. Scott Woodland Need-Based Scholarship
	Earl M. and Corinne N. Wunderli Need Based
	Scholarship

V. MERIT-ON-ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are available to incoming law students. Candidates are considered based on the information submitted in their admission application. Recipients are notified by the college in late March.

▶ **J.D. Program**

George Eccles Foundation Arvo Van Alstyne Fellowship
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Marriner S. Eccles Scholarship
William H. Gibson Memorial Scholarship
W.J. Mitchell Family Endowed Merit Fellowship
Alex and Margret Oser Merit Scholarship
Parsons, Behle & Latimer Merit Scholarship
S. J. Quinney Merit Scholarship
Utah Native American Scholarship
Lawrence L. Summerhays Scholarship

▶ **LL.M. Program**

Judge Rulon Clark Fellowship. The recipient is chosen by a committee. The amount varies, but it is at least \$2,500. Selection criteria include demonstrated proficiency in natural resources law or energy law or both, and the potential to make a significant contribution to those areas of law during the period of the fellowship and afterward.

William H. Gibson Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded annually to an outstanding LL.M. student who has a strong, demonstrated interest in natural resources law.