



2024 | VIRGINIA STATE BAR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION

About

The Virginia State Bar (VSB) Environmental Law Fellowship is awarded to future attorneys interested in the practice of environmental law in the Commonwealth of Virginia. To this end, the Board of Governors of the VSB Environmental Law Section will award a \$2,000 fellowship to an outstanding first- or second-year law student who has committed to working full-time, no less than 300 hours over a ten-week period, at a public interest environmental practice during the summer of 2024, or divide the fellowship between two students working full-time for a minimum of 5 weeks each. The Fellow(s) will also have the opportunity to submit an article on an environmental topic or an interview for potential publication in the VSB Environmental Law Section monthly *Oyster* newsletter.

Eligibility and Fellowship Award Criteria

Eligibility. To be eligible for the Fellowship students must: (1) be currently enrolled as a 1L or 2L J.D. candidate at an ABA-accredited law school; and (2) have accepted an offer to work at a public interest environmental practice in Virginia during the summer of 2024. Students committed to working full time, no less than 300 hours over a ten-week period, will receive priority in selection, but students committed to working a minimum of 5 weeks (35 hours a week) are also eligible for a partial fellowship.

The ideal recipient would work at a public interest environmental practice in Virginia; however, we are also willing to accept applicants that are current Virginia residents who will work at an out of state public interest environmental practice.

Fellowship Award Criteria. The Fellowship will be awarded based on a record of excellent academic achievement and a demonstrated interest in, and commitment to, public service, particularly in practice in environmental law.

Application Requirements

The following materials must be submitted electronically to the VSB Board of Governors of the Environmental Law Section at vsbsections@vsb.org no later than **April 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.:**

- A completed Fellowship Application Form (see attached form).
- A résumé that includes information about the student's education and work/internship/public service experience.
- An essay no longer than 1 page (single-spaced, at least 11-point font) that addresses the student's interest in, and commitment to, a career in environmental law or in public service generally.
- An official or unofficial law school transcript created by the applicant's law school.

Questions

Please direct any questions about the Fellowship to vsbsections@vsb.org. For questions about environmental law employers and placement opportunities, please contact your law school career advising office.

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Section I: Student Information

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone No.: _____ Email Address: _____

Name of Your Law School: _____ Your Current Year in Law School: _____

Section II: Environmental Law Employer Information

Name of the office where you will work during the summer of 2024: _____

Address: _____ Phone No.: _____

Expected number of weeks/hours you will work: _____

Name of office contact (an attorney who can confirm your summer employment): _____

Email Address: _____ Phone No.: _____

Describe briefly, if you know, the kind of work you will perform as an intern this summer:

Section III: Personal Statement, Résumé, and Transcript

Please attach the following materials to this application. **All attachments must be in .pdf, .doc (or .docx) or .rtf file format.**

1. A one (1) page personal statement addressing your interest in, and commitment to, a career in environmental law or in public service generally. (Note: you may single-space or double-space text, but please use at least an 11-point font).
2. A one (1) page résumé that describes your education and experience, including any relevant work, internship, *pro bono* and volunteer experience.
3. An unofficial or official law school transcript created by your law school that reflects your coursework and grades in law school so far.

Section IV: Certification and Electronic Signature

By completing my electronic signature below, I hereby certify that the information and materials submitted as part of this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that I have accepted an offer to work full-time (a minimum of 5 weeks, 35 hours per week) at the public interest environmental practice named above during the summer of 2024.

Name (Type): _____ Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION, SAVE THIS DOCUMENT AS A .PDF FILE AND EMAIL IT AND THE THREE (3) ATTACHMENTS DESCRIBED IN SECTION III AS A SINGLE FILE TO THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS: [vsbsections@vsb.org] BY NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2024 AT 5:00 P.M.