

# **THE WHITTIER LAW SCHOOL LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

To make careers in public interest law financially feasible for Whittier Law School graduates, the Whittier Law School Public Interest Law Foundation (WPILF) and the Law School administration established a Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) in 2002. Whittier Law School considers LRAP to be a necessary institutional commitment supporting the work of the Center for Children's Rights (CCR), the WPILF Summer Funding Program, the Externship Program and the Whittier curriculum emphasizing the needs of the under represented.

In 2008, candidates may apply at two different times for a one year (2 disbursement) LRAP grant:

## **Application Period #1:**

- **Applications will be accepted from January 22, 2008 through February 22, 2008**
- **Application review by the LRAP Governing Board: February - March 2007**
- **LRAP Award Announcement: late March 2008**
- **First Disbursement Check: late April 2008**
- **Second Disbursement Check: late October 2008**

## **Application Period #2**

- **Applications will be accepted from July 21, 2008 through August 22, 2008**
- **Application review by the LRAP Governing Board: August - September 2008**
- **LRAP Award Announcement: late September 2008**
- **First Disbursement Check: late October 2008**
- **Second Disbursement Check: late April 2009**

Grant checks will be made payable to both the graduate and the law school loan lender. Continued public interest employment with the employer in the application is required and verified prior to the second disbursement.

The Whittier LRAP Governing Board invites alumni interest in and support for this program. Financial donations can be made to:

Whittier Law School  
c/o Financial Aid Office  
3333 Harbor Blvd.  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

# ARE YOU QUALIFIED TO APPLY FOR AN LRAP GRANT?

## Section 1

Before you spend time compiling an application, please complete and sign the worksheet below.

- Did you graduate from Whittier Law School? \_\_\_\_\_
- Did you graduate in or after 2002? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have law school debt in excess of \$30,000? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are all your school loans in good status or properly in either deferment or forbearance? \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you been admitted to a bar in any state? \_\_\_\_\_
- By the time of the LRAP award announcement (either March or September, depending on your application period), will you have been employed for at least six months in the legal department of your current employer? \_\_\_\_\_
- Is your current employer one of the following? \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. A non profit agency
  - b. A government agency
  - c. A public interest law firm with a written statement supporting this mission (please attach)
- Does your employer comply with the Whittier Law School statement of non discrimination? \_\_\_\_\_

*Neither Whittier College nor Whittier Law School discriminates on the basis of sex, national and ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation or disability in its admission policies or in the administration of educational polices. To ensure equal employment opportunity for all students and alumni, the law School makes its facilities available only to those employers whose practices are consistent with the above policy of nondiscrimination.*

- Is your gross income from legal employment under \$50,000? \_\_\_\_\_

***If you answered "yes" to all of the above questions, please proceed with the LRAP application. If you answered "no" to one or more of the above questions and believe that your circumstances are compelling enough to warrant committee consideration, please complete this application and attach an addendum detailing your situation.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Applicant*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

# APPLICATION

## A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

(Please type or complete in black ink.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Last Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*First Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Middle Name or Initial*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Mailing Address*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Home Phone*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Work Phone*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*E-mail*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Social Security #*

### Persons in Your Household

In the following chart, please include all persons (spouse, children, all relatives, all non-related people including boarders, roommates, other) who reside in your household and note their approximate income.

Name of Individual	Relationship to Applicant	Approximate Income

Do you have dependents who do not live in your household? If so, give names and ages.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## B: EMPLOYMENT/INCOME INFORMATION

(Please type or print clearly in ink.)

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*Employer*

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*Street Address*

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*City, State, Zip Code*

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*Supervisor's Name, Title*

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*Supervisor's Telephone #, E-mail*

What was your employment starting date? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your job title? \_\_\_\_\_

### 2008 Income Projection

(A) What is your earnings projection for the 2008 tax year? (Please include wages, salary, commissions) Total A: \_\_\_\_\_

(B) What other taxable income such as benefits from child support, IRA withdrawals, investment income, workers compensation, SSI benefits do you anticipate? (Please list benefit and approximate amount below.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Total B: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL INCOME PROJECTION (A plus B above): \_\_\_\_\_

*Prior to grant confirmation, applicants selected for a 2008 LRAP grant will be required to submit a copy of their completed 2007 Federal Tax Return to support application information.*

### Employment Benefits

Does your employer pay for any of the following in full (F), part (P) or not at all (N)?

a. State Bar Dues	_____	e. Retirement	_____
b. MCLE Units	_____	f. Car Allowance	_____
c. Health Benefits	_____	g. Professional Liability Insurance	_____
d. Dental Benefits	_____		

**C: EDUCATIONAL LOAN DEBT FROM WHITTIER LAW SCHOOL**

**FEDERAL STAFFORD LOANS**

Academic Year	Lender	Loan Account #	Original Principal	Remaining Principal	Monthly Payment

**UNSUBSIDIZED STAFFORD LOANS**

Academic Year	Lender	Loan Account #	Original Principal	Remaining Principal	Monthly Payment

**PRIVATE/OTHER LOANS**

Academic Year	Lender	Loan Account #	Original Principal	Remaining Principal	Monthly Payment

Have you consolidated your law school loans?      YES                  NO  
 If yes, for what period of time?                      \_\_\_\_\_ years

**D: ASSET INFORMATION**

Asset	Current Value	Amount Owed
Cash and Savings		N/A
Stock, Bonds, Investment		
Real Estate		
Vehicle(s)		
Other		

*Please photocopy this page for additional space.*

**E: ONE PAGE ESSAY**

**Please describe your current position, the type of public service employment in which you are engaged and your commitment to this field of work. This essay must be typed and be no more than one page in length single spaced, 12 point font.**

**F: SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

**In the space below, briefly explain any special, extenuating circumstances that affect your economic situation and have not been addressed in the application.**

**G: CERTIFICATION**

**I hereby certify that all of the information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.**

- **I agree to provide supporting documentation if and when requested by the Governing Board of the Loan Repayment Assistance Program. This documentation will include my most recent and complete Federal Income Tax Return, a verification of income from my employer and a lender verification form.**
- **I agree to make timely loan payments or to keep my status properly in deferment or forbearance. Default on my education loans covered under LRAP may result in termination from the program.**
- **I understand that the Governing Board will verify my employment status prior to issuing the second grant disbursement.**
- **I understand that any grant award is for one year only and that I will be required to reapply for consideration yearly if qualified.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Applicant's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Please submit the entire application to :  
The Financial Aid Office, Whittier Law School, 3333 Harbor Blvd., Costa Mesa, CA 92626.**

