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## **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 underrepresented.

Candidates may apply for a one-time LRAP grant (two disbursements):

**Application Period:**

- **Applications will be accepted from July 25, 2016 through August 12, 2016.**
- **Application review by the LRAP Governing Board: August 15, 2016 through August 31, 2016.**
- **LRAP Award Announcement: early September 2016.**
- **First Disbursement Check: late September 2016.**
- **Second Disbursement Check: late March 2017.**

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.

Candidates should email their completed application to Camille Heenan [cheenan@law.whittier.edu](mailto:cheenan@law.whittier.edu).

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 Camille Heenan  
Office of Student and Alumni Relations  
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 2010? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 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 (September 2016) 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 nonprofit agency
    - A government agency
    - 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 nondiscrimination? \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 policies. 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*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Work 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.

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\_\_\_\_\_

**B: EMPLOYMENT/INCOME INFORMATION**

(Please type or print clearly in ink.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Employer*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City, State, Zip Code*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Supervisor's Name, Title*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Supervisor's Telephone #, E-mail*

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

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

**2016 Income Projection**

(A) What is your earnings projection for the 2016 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 2016 LRAP grant will be required to submit a copy of their completed 2015 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* \_\_\_\_\_
- b. *MCLE Units* \_\_\_\_\_
- c. *Health Benefits* \_\_\_\_\_
- d. *Dental Benefits* \_\_\_\_\_
- e. *Retirement* \_\_\_\_\_
- f. *Car Allowance* \_\_\_\_\_
- g. *Professional Liability Insurance* \_\_\_\_\_

**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**

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

*Please attach additional page if necessary.*

**E: ONE PAGE ESSAY/RESUME**

**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. Please attach your resume to the completed application.**

**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.**

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**Applicant's Signature**

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**Date**