Whittier Law School’s 1L Achievement Externship Program

Whittier Law School’s 1L Achievement Externship Program (AEP) is designed to recognize and retain the school’s most outstanding first year students. Three students will be selected to receive a scholarship for academic credit (4 units) to work over the summer at a local law firm that is matched with the student’s interests. The Law School’s Office of Student and Alumni Relations and Externship Office are administering the AEP program.

What are the benefits of the AEP program?

Students who are selected to participate will gain real world practical experience, attorney mentors and free tuition credits (which means less credits required later in a student’s law school career). Also, the scholarship is an honor students can include on their resume.

Who is eligible to apply for the AEP program?

First year students in the top 20% of their class are eligible to apply. Students must agree to the Law School’s externship guidelines as well as agree to remain a student at Whittier for remainder of their law school education.

Will students get paid for the externship?

No, but students will receive a scholarship to pay for academic credit (four units). Students may also be eligible for financial aid to cover cost of living expenses.

How many weeks is the externship?

The externship is seven weeks and follows the summer semester dates: May 23—July 19, 2013.

How many hours a week is the externship?

Students must work 180 hours over seven weeks (approximately 25 hours a week) for three units plus take a one unit Lawyering Skills class offered through the Externship Office.

What employers are participating in the AEP program?

The Office for Student and Alumni Relations and the Externship Office will make every effort to match an employer with a student’s interest. The Externship Office maintains a list of approved employers, but this list is not exhaustive. If no firms are available in a student’s stated area of interest, the Offices will work to find a suitable employer for the student.

How can students apply for the AEP program?

If you are interested in applying, please send a resume and cover letter outlining your professional interests and why you would like to remain a student at Whittier to cheenan@law.whittier.edu by Monday, April 1 at 5:00 pm.

When will students be notified if they have been chosen for the AEP program?

The Office of Student and Alumni Relations will notify students by April 15.