THE J. B. & MAURICE C. SHAPIRO PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS

GUIDELINES AND FORMS FOR APPLICANTS

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON DC
The J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Public Service Awards have been established at The George Washington University to support and encourage young Americans who undertake voluntary public service. Recognizing that the need to earn income to support their education during the academic year and vacation periods may be an obstacle for some young people in undertaking such service, these Awards, established with a gift from the J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Charitable Trust, were developed to remove such barriers.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- US Citizen
- Full-Time GW Freshman, Sophomore or Junior
- Minimum 3.4 GPA
- Proposed internship must be unpaid
- Proposed internship service must total 300 hours (no fewer than 30 hours per week).

PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Eligible public service may include work for any private non-profit organization or any institution or agency of federal, state, or local government. The public service must be performed in the United States. Eligible private organizations may include any that are recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as legitimate non-profit organizations or institutions. Such organizations may include, but are not limited to, those providing educational, health, or cultural services, those engaged in advocacy, or those providing programs toward the alleviation of social ills or environmental problems, with the exception of any program or project involving research work which may cause pain (physical or psychological) or death to animals.

RESEARCH REQUIREMENT

Shapiro Public Service Award recipients are required to write a 3000-word (8-10 page) formal research paper addressing a topic, problem or question growing out of their internship experience. This research paper must be submitted within two weeks of the conclusion of the internship.

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES

First Deadline: March 26, 2010
Second Deadline: April 9, 2010

A complete application consists of the following items:
1. Application form and statements of purpose and financial need
2. Copy of college transcript(s)
3. Résumé (make sure to include your current contact information)
4. Verification from organization of intent to place applicant, including a description of service and certification of eligibility. (see enclosed directions)

All materials must be submitted to the:
Center for Undergraduate Fellowships and Research
714 21st Street, N.W.
Second Floor
Washington, D.C. 20052
(202) 994-0517

Awards are for $5,500 and will be applied directly to awardees’ tuition accounts for the academic year following their summer of service, submission of a summer report, final verification of service from the internship supervisor, and submission of the required research paper. Awards are applied in two installments of $2,750 each.

These awards will be considered as “other merit awards” and could affect any need-based aid students may be offered for the academic year. The awards may be held concurrently with other GW merit awards. Students are responsible for consulting with the Office of Student Financial Assistance to estimate the impact, if any of a Public Service Award on their aid package.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Quality of proposed internship experience (should constitute substantial, responsible contribution to the work of the internship organization).
- Strength of connections between proposed internship experience and students’ intellectual, academic service and/or professional goals.
- Evidence of prior consistent commitment to public service
- Academic accomplishments

Note: Selection is merit-based, though preference will be given to equally qualified candidates with clear evidence of financial need.
APP\LICATION

PART I
(PLEASE COMPLETE BY HAND)

Name: __________________________    E-mail: _______________________________    SSN: _____________________

Summer Address: _____________________________________________________________________________________
Street       City        State  Zip Code  Phone

Permanent Address: ___________________________________________________________________________________
Street       City        State  Zip Code  Phone

Level of Study at the time of application: (Circle one)   Freshman  Sophomore  Junior

Academic Records: (All College-level Transcripts Required)
Institution               Dates of Attendance               Major Field               Degree Sought/Received
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Name and address of organization at which you plan to do public service:
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PART II

Written Statement:
Please submit a written statement describing the public service you intend to undertake. Applicants are reminded that such service may be at organizations providing educational, health, or cultural services, those engaged in advocacy, or those providing programs toward the alleviation of social ills or environmental problems, with the exception of any program or project involving research work which may cause pain (physical or psychological) or death to animals.

Your statement can also include a description of what you believe have been principal accomplishments in your life, including academics, professional activities, or community service. Information on your long-range goals and plans to realize them will also be helpful to the Selection Committee.

PART III

Organizational Certification:
As part of your application for The J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Public Service Award, the organization at which you plan on volunteering is required to verify its intent to place you for the specified period. This placement notification will be required to indicate that no compensation will be received and that you will serve the organization for a minimum of 30 hours per week for at least 10 weeks between May and August. In addition, this letter should include a statement of purpose for the organization, particularly noting that it meets the criteria stated with regard to animals.

This statement should be mailed or faxed (202/994-6844) directly to the Center for Undergraduate Fellowships and Research.
PART IV

Using GWeb, download and submit a copy of your Financial Aid Award by Aid Year report. If you are having difficulty downloading the report, contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance and request the report. If you have no Financial Aid Award by Aid Year report because you do not receive aid, or prefer not to submit this report for any other reason, please provide a statement of no more than 250 words describing all sources of financial support for your college education.

PART V

I certify that information submitted for this award is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signed _____________________________________________________ Date ___________________

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Return to:

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To the proposed internship organization:

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As part of the application process, candidates for the J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Public Service Award are required to secure summer placement where they can complete a minimum of 30 hours of service per week for at least 10 weeks between May and August without compensation. Candidates must submit the Organizational Certification in the form of a letter, verifying the organization’s intent to place the student for the specified period. In addition, this letter should include a statement of purpose from the organization, particularly noting that the student will not be compensated in exchange for his or her service and that the organization meets the following criteria with regard to animal welfare: no program or project involving research work which may cause pain (physical or psychological) or death to animals is eligible. Eligible private organizations may include any that are recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as legitimate non-profit organizations or institutions.

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Thanks for your assistance in facilitating this wonderful opportunity for a GW student. If organizations have any questions, they can contact us at fellcent@gwu.edu.