

**AWARDS
FELLOWSHIPS
SCHOLARSHIPS**



**S.J. QUINNEY
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INTRODUCTION

The S.J. Quinney College of Law, the University of Utah, and numerous outside organizations sponsor a variety of awards, fellowships, scholarships, and writing competitions which are available to S.J. Quinney College of Law students. This handbook provides a summary of most of these opportunities, as well as application forms for many of the fellowships and scholarships that require them. Applications are due at different times throughout the year, depending on the specific scholarship or fellowship, but most are due during the spring semester.

Scholarship and fellowship information is posted on the bulletin boards inside the Gibson Reading Room. Additional information is available from Associate Dean Reyes Aguilar in Admissions, Associate Dean Barbara Dickey in the Office of Student Affairs, and Barabara Wilson in Legal Career Services. Dean Dickey's office also sends e-mails to students on newly received writing competitions.

I. AWARDS

First-, second-, and third-year law students are eligible for a variety of awards recognizing academic achievement, superior writing, and high ethical standards. With a few exceptions, students do not apply for these awards. Awards are given in recognition of a specific achievement (papers, GPAs, grades or other outstanding work) and may or may not include a cash component. See Barbara Dickey for additional information.

- ▶ **American Bankruptcy Institute Award.** The ABI awards a certificate and a medal to the student who achieves a high level of academic performance in a bankruptcy-related course or clinic and is recommended by his or her instructor or supervisor. Eligibility for the award requires participation in any course, seminar, or internship program in which bankruptcy is a major focus including rehabilitating bankruptcy, creditor-debtor relations, advanced commercial law, or a United States bankruptcy court judicial internship. The faculty chooses the recipient.
- ▶ **CALI.** The purpose of the CALI award is to recognize academic excellence in legal education. CALI recognizes students who receive the highest grade in a course. There are no restrictions on the number of courses or the number of students within a course. The only restriction is that all courses be law-related and taught within the law school.
- ▶ **Edwin Brown Firmage Student Award in International Law and Human Rights.** This \$250 award honors a student who has demonstrated strong academic achievement and an ongoing commitment to international law and human rights issues through coursework, extracurricular activities, volunteer participation, and/or previous experience. The award is open to current second- or third-year students. Application materials should include a short personal statement addressing the award criteria, a résumé, and a transcript.
- ▶ **William H. Leary Scholars.** Leary scholars are students whose grades place them in the top 20 percent of their class. For first-year students, the Leary selection is made following the completion of first-year courses. For second- and third-year students, designations are made following each semester and are based solely on that semester's grades. To be eligible for a given semester, a student must complete no fewer than 12 credit hours, 10 of which must be graded.
- ▶ **David T. Lewis Clinical Award.** Awards are given each year to graduating seniors who have outstanding achievement in the Clinical Program. The clinical director, with the advice of a committee chosen by her, makes the awards. Nominations may come from faculty, clinical supervisors, or students may nominate themselves. A cash award of approximately \$100 is presented to each recipient. The deadline for nominations is generally the end of spring semester.

- ▶ **National Association of Women Lawyers Award.** The NAWL awards a one-year honorary membership and a year's subscription to the NAWL *Law Journal* to an outstanding law graduate who has demonstrated academic achievement, motivation, tenacity, and drive; who exhibits promise for future contributions to the advancement of women in society; and presents a personable and professional image. The Dean's Office chooses the recipient.
- ▶ **Order of the Coif.** The Order of the Coif, the highest academic honor granted to graduates of the S.J. Quinney College of Law, is a national society founded to encourage legal scholarship and advance the ethical standards of the profession. Each year, the faculty confers membership on students who place in the highest 10 percent of their graduating class. To be eligible, a student must receive graded credit for at least three-quarters of the total number of hours required for graduation. (Under the current requirement of 88 hours, a minimum of 66 graded hours satisfies requirements regardless of how many hours a student may have accumulated prior to graduation.)

Transfer students who have completed less than two-thirds of their work at this law school are not eligible. (The National Executive Committee has determined that even though such students are ineligible for election to Coif, they must be included in determining the top 10 percent of the graduating class.)

- ▶ **S.J. Quinney College of Law Outstanding Achievement Award.** The Outstanding Achievement Award certificate is given in each graded course (other than seminars) with an enrollment of at least 12 students. The course professor selects the student whose work is deemed the most outstanding. In the event of a tie, the professor will attempt to select a single winner. If the selection process does not produce one winner, co-winners will be accepted (but no more than two).
- ▶ **Robert Schmid Natural Resources Writing Award.** The student who writes the best paper on a natural resources-related topic is awarded \$250. The faculty nominates papers, and the Faculty Awards Committee chooses the recipient.
- ▶ **Stephen Pierre Traynor Legal Writing Award.** The Traynor Legal Writing Award annually recognizes outstanding writing by an advanced student. The recipient receives \$750 and has his or her name inscribed on the Stephen Pierre Traynor plaque. The faculty nominates student, law review, or journal papers, which, after editing, remain substantially the work of the student. The Faculty Awards Committee chooses the recipient.
- ▶ **Utah Civil Rights and Liberties Award.** The \$100 Utah Civil Rights and Liberties Award is given to the student who writes the best research paper in a class or seminar on the First Amendment, or in a comparable class that requires a research paper. The faculty nominates student papers and the Faculty Awards Committee chooses the recipient.

II. FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Fellowships are awarded to recognize demonstrated interest and/or achievement in a specific area of law. Fellowships include a service or work component for which the student receives a stipend a may include a tuition benefit.

Applications and accompanying materials for most scholarships and fellowships are generally due during spring semester. Some are due earlier in the school year. See Barbara Dickey for additional information.

- ▶ **Reva Beck Bosone Scholarship.** The Women's Law Caucus sponsors this scholarship, an annual cash award given to a first- or second-year student who is a member of the Women's Law Caucus and who is in good academic standing. A WLC selection committee considers the candidate's contributions and potential to make a significant contribution in a field of importance to women. The WLC announces when applications will be accepted, currently early fall semester.
- ▶ **J. Reuben Clark Society Internship Program.** A \$3,000 stipend will be awarded to a student whose academic work is distinguished but who has been unable to obtain summer legal employment following the first- or second-year of law school. The recipient will be expected to spend at least half of the summer providing pro bono legal services to a selected Utah charity.
- ▶ **Dewsnup Fellowship.** This fellowship is awarded to a first-year student who has demonstrated an interest in natural resources law and excellence in academics. It provides a \$5,500 scholarship for the second year of law school, a tuition benefit, and a summer clerkship with the Utah Attorney General's Office working in the area of natural resources.
- ▶ **Employment Law Fellowship.** This fellowship is sponsored by the Utah State Bar Labor & Employment Law Section and the Antidiscrimination & Labor Division of Utah's Labor Commission. It pays a \$4,000 stipend to one first-year or second-year law student for work the student will perform at the Antidiscrimination and Labor Division.
- ▶ **Fordham Loan Forgiveness Program.** To assist and encourage students to pursue careers in public interest law, this loan repayment assistance program helps graduates who are employed in the public sector repay educational loans. The designation of recipients depends upon the availability of funds. Applications are accepted two times per year, March 31 and September 30.
- ▶ **Leader Scholarships.** Up to 10 second- and third-year students will be awarded a \$2500 cash award and a partial tuition waiver based on leadership success. Curricular, co-curricular, volunteer, professional and other involvement may be considered.
- ▶ **Lionel Frankel Public Interest Summer Fellowship.** The college and the Public Interest Law Organization award summer stipends ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for students doing public interest legal work during the summer.

- ▶ **Reza Ali Khazeni Memorial Fellowship in Environmental Law.** This fellowship provides \$3,000 to supplement a student's commitment to work in a low- or non-paying not-for-profit environmental agency or organization. Applicants must have completed the first year of law school. Criteria include unquestioned integrity, exemplary character, and excellent judgment. The recipient must have the dedication and ability to be a professional and community leader; believe that a lawyer's primary responsibility is to serve the broader public interest; and demonstrate a commitment to preservation of the environment. See John Martinez for additional information.

- ▶ **John Farr and Ann Clayton Larson Scholarship.** This scholarship honors a first- or second-year student who demonstrates academic achievement and an ongoing commitment to family and juvenile law issues through course work, extracurricular activities, volunteer participation, and/or previous experience.

- ▶ **Minority Law Caucus Scholarships.** The Minority Law Caucus scholarships are awarded to MLC members in good academic standing. The MLC selection committee considers a variety of factors, which may include contributions to the community and financial need. Scholarships are generally awarded in the late spring.

- ▶ **O'Hara Honors Program in Natural Resources Law.** The O'Hara Honors Program provides a law school \$5,000 merit scholarship for the recipient's third year of law school. Depending on available funding in the state Attorney General's Office, there is also the possibility of an optional summer clerkship and a two-year attorney position practicing natural resources law with the Attorney General's Office.

- ▶ **Quinney Student Fellowship.** The Quinney Fellowships provide a select group of students with the opportunity to work closely with members of the faculty and others on a range of research, writing, and service projects. Students must work approximately 12 hours per week. They receive \$2,750 per semester and a tuition benefit.

- ▶ **Quinney Top 10 % Student Scholarship.** The Quinney Top 10% Scholarship is awarded in fall semester to second and third year students who are not receiving other merit scholarship or fellowship support and are performing in the top 10% of their class. This performance is based on cumulative Quinney College of Law GPA as measured from grades posted from the previous spring semester. They receive \$2,750 for fall semester and a tuition benefit.

- ▶ **S.J. Quinney College of Law Summer Intern Diversity Program.** This program is open to first-year students from groups that traditionally have had little or no exposure to professional legal settings, such as minorities, the economically disadvantaged, and international students. The program offers these students

the opportunity to work in a medium- to large-sized Salt Lake City law firm during the summer following their first year of law school. Internships are for 10 weeks and carry a \$3,000 stipend. Internships are dependent on law firm interest.

- ▶ **Senior Lawyer Volunteer Project Summer Internship.** Utah Legal Services sponsors the Senior Lawyer Volunteer Project, which provides free legal services to low-income clients, especially the elderly. A \$4,000 fellowship is awarded to a law student who has demonstrated a commitment to the elderly, and who believes a lawyer's primary responsibility is to serve the broader public interest. The intern serves as a clerk to the coordinator of the Senior Lawyer Volunteer Project.

- ▶ **Snell and Wilmer Diversity Fellowship Program.** The Snell & Wilmer Diversity Fellowship Program provides an educational and training experience to a second-year law student during spring semester. The successful candidate for the Program will be the person who, in the opinion of Snell & Wilmer will best represent groups that traditionally have had limited exposure to professional law firm settings and whose diversity and unique perspectives and skills will provide Snell & Wilmer with an experience that may not otherwise be available to the Salt Lake City Snell & Wilmer office. The fellowship pays a \$4,000 stipend. The selection process takes place during the fall semester.

- ▶ **Edward D. and Carol J. Spurgeon Public Interest Fellowship.** This fellowship provides \$4,000 to support summer employment in a low- or non-paying position with a public service office or agency. Recipients are selected by a committee that considers the student's choice of employment and long-term commitment to public service as demonstrated by academic, vocational, and public service activities.

- ▶ **Robert W. Swenson Fellowship in Natural Resources Law.** The Natural Resources Law Forum, a student organization, awards an annual fellowship of \$2,500 to a first- or second-year student in good standing who is a member of the organization. The recipient must demonstrate a commitment to environmental or natural resources law and a strong desire to work in the field.

- ▶ **Roger and Madeleine Traynor Scholarship for Excellence in Legal Writing and Scholarship.** This \$5,000 scholarship is awarded annually to an advanced law student who has demonstrated distinction in legal writing and scholarship. The Faculty Awards Committee selects the recipient.

- ▶ **Alonzo W. Watson, Jr. Scholarship.** The Alonzo W. Watson, Jr. Scholarship is awarded to students with a demonstrated commitment to public service, a strong interest in public policy, and financial need. The scholarship includes a \$2,750 cash award and a tuition benefit.

IV. SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships fall into two categories: merit-based and need-based awards. Merit-based scholarships are awarded to students in recognition of academic excellence or demonstrated interest and/or achievement in a specific area of law. They do not include a service or work component, but may include a tuition benefit. Need-based scholarships are awarded to help supplement the cost of attending school. Students are selected based on demonstrated financial need. This need is determined by analysis that uses information from the student's completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

A. NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

The S.J. Quinney College of Law has more than 40 privately funded named scholarships from which awards are made each year to more than 30 percent of the student body. The first criteria is demonstrated financial need. In addition, a few private donors have requested that other factors be taken into consideration, such as being a single parent, being married, being born in a certain geographical area, having a disadvantaged background, being a member of a minority group, or having an interest in a specific area of law. A few are based on a combination of merit and need.

Candidates for need-based scholarships must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and College of Law Need-Based Scholarship Application (available in the law school admissions and financial aid office) to obtain a need analysis. The FAFSA is available January 1st and the scholarship application is distributed to all students in the early spring.

Need-based scholarships generally are awarded in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$3,000. They may not be used for summer terms, terms away from the University of Utah, by students registered for fewer than 11 credit hours per semester, or to meet additional costs associated with study abroad.

Olga V. Alexandria Scholarship
Leroy S. Axland Memorial Scholarship
Robert and Amy T. Barker Scholarship
Ron Boyce Memorial Scholarship
Lowell C. Brown Endowed Scholarship
Ted Dikeou Scholarship
Diversity Student Support Scholarship
Fabian and Clendenin: Albert Colton Scholarship
Wendall B. Hammond Endowed Scholarship
Larry K. Hurless Memorial Scholarship
Immigration and Refugee Assistance Endowed Scholarship
Paul E. Iverson Scholarship
George Jones Scholarship
Susan Cooper Jones Scholarship
George W. and Rhoda E. Latimer Scholarship
Samuel and Bertha Bernstein Scholarship
George and Dolores Eccles Foundation Need Based Scholarship
Gordon Jensen Memorial Scholarship
Jack Lunt Endowed Scholarship
Jones, Waldo, Holbrook & McDonough Scholarship

Mitchell Melich Scholarship
Robert D. Merrill Scholarship
Judge Logan Morris Scholarship
Alex and Margret Oser Need-Based Scholarship
Jill P. Peterson Memorial Scholarship
Professors' Scholarship
D. Carl and Vera Richards Scholarship
Stephen L. Richards Scholarship
Stoel Rives Scholarship
S.J. Quinney College of Law Scholarship
Bernard J. Stewart Memorial Merit Scholarship
Justice Daniel Stewart Memorial Scholarship
Justin and Martha Stewart Scholarship
Lawrence L. Summerhays Scholarship
E. Wayne Thode Scholarship
Arvo Van Alstyne Need-Based Scholarship
William Hilton Waggoner Scholarship
Cletha Walstrand Scholarship
Alonzo w. Watson, Jr. Scholarship
Emerson Cannon Willey Endowed Scholarship
Earl M. and Corinne N. Wunderli Need Based Scholarship

B. MERIT-ON-ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are available to incoming law students. Selection is based on a variety of factors demonstrating academic accomplishment and potential as well as facilitating the recruitment of a strong, interesting, and diverse student body. All admitted candidates are considered for merit-on-entrance scholarship and this review uses the information submitted in the application for admission. Recipients are notified by the college in late March.

▶ **J.D. Program**

George Eccles Foundation Arvo Van Alstyne Scholarship

Marriner S. Eccles Scholarship

John J. and Sheila Flynn Scholarship

William H. Gibson Memorial Scholarship

Leadership Initiative Merit-On-Entrance Scholarship

W.J. Mitchell Family Endowed Merit Fellowship

Alex and Margret Oser Merit Scholarship

Parsons, Behle & Latimer Merit Scholarship

S. J. Quinney Foundation Merit Scholarship

Technology Initiative Merit-On-Entrance Scholarship

Lee Teitelbaum Memorial Scholarship

I.J. & Jeanne Wagner Foundation Scholarship

David K. & Dorothy B. Watkiss Scholarship

Williams Company Scholarship

▶ **LL.M. Program**

Judge Rulon Clark Fellowship. The recipient is chosen by a committee. The amount varies, but it is at least \$2,750. Selection criteria include demonstrated proficiency in natural resources law or energy law or both, and the potential to make a significant contribution to those areas of law during the period of the fellowship and afterward.

William H. Gibson Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded annually to an outstanding LL.M. student who has a strong, demonstrated interest in natural resources law.