

NAACP LAW FELLOW PROGRAM 2011

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. The principal object of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of all minority group citizens. As part of its mission, the NAACP seeks to enforce federal, state, and local laws securing civil rights and to educate persons about their constitutional rights.

Throughout its history, the NAACP has provided attorneys the opportunity to make significant, historic contributions to the field of civil rights law. Past NAACP attorneys include, Charles Hamilton Houston, Thurgood Marshall, Constance Baker-Motely, Robert Carter and Nathaniel Jones. The NAACP hopes to inspire attorneys to enter the field of civil rights law and to provide broad exposure to various strategies utilized by grass roots civil rights organizations.

The NAACP Law Fellow Program is designed to give students who have completed at least one year of law school the opportunity to work for the summer at NAACP Headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland. The NAACP Law Fellow Program is made possible through the generous support of the Kellogg's Corporate Citizenship Fund, which has funded the program since its 2003 inception.

Those selected for the program will:

- Work with civil rights attorneys on relevant issues concerning criminal justice, education, housing, voting rights and environmental justice;
- Attend the NAACP National Convention and Continuing Legal Education Seminar in Los Angeles, California;
- Examine and evaluate citizen complaints of civil rights violations;
- Increase their opportunities to obtain judicial clerkships;
- Interact with civil rights leaders and attorney advocates;
- Review and obtain approval for direct action.

Law Fellows will be selected based on a number of factors, including: recommendations; interest in civil rights law and academic performance. Selected participants will be awarded a stipend of \$6,000 to offset living and travel expenses while participating in the program. Fellows will be responsible for securing their own housing and transportation for the duration of the program. Fellows may also seek funding from outside sources to supplement the stipend.

Questions concerning the program should be directed to Dorcas R. Gilmore, Assistant General Counsel, at (410) 580-5798, dgilmore@naacpnet.org.

WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY FOR NAACP LAW FELLOW PROGRAM 2011

- Completed Application
- Law School Transcript
- Letter(s) of Recommendation (from at least one; preferably two professors)
- Résumé
- 50-100 word essay describing your interest (see no. 10 on application)

Please forward completed application packet **no later than March 18, 2011** to:

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