

The Louis Stokes Scholar Internship - 2016

A Paid Summer Legal Experience

The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's **Louis Stokes Scholars Program** is an amazing opportunity for college students – or high school students who will be enrolled in college in 2016 – who are interested in a career in law. Through the Program, you will experience different facets of the practice of law “up close and personal” through paid summer internships and mentoring by Cleveland area attorneys. The Stokes Scholars Program provides practical, real-world experience for students while helping them explore careers within the legal field. Additionally, students who intern will develop new skills, make great connections, and become excited about the field of law.

Successful applicants – who will be known as **Stokes Scholars** – will be matched for an eight-week, 20 hour per week paid summer internship with one of several Cleveland area law firms, corporations, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Cuyahoga Court of Domestic Relations, Cleveland Municipal Court or with an area legal nonprofit such as The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, or the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. Each **Stokes Scholar** will be assigned an attorney mentor – a **Stokes Scholars Mentor** – who will guide the **Stokes Scholar** through their internship and provide ongoing career counseling.

2016 Internships will begin the week of June 6 and end the week of July 25, 2016.

Participation is limited to students who are graduates or will be graduates of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District or the East Cleveland Metropolitan School District, and are currently enrolled in college (or if a May or June 2016 high school graduate, will be enrolled in a college or university in the Fall of 2016). Those graduating from high school in 2016 must have a minimum 3.5 GPA to be eligible. There is no college GPA requirement for submission of an application for those in college, though GPA may be a factor in selection. Students are required to adhere to specific attendance requirements for employment and other Intern activities that are conditions of participation in the Stokes Scholars Program. Mandatory time commitments will include part-time employment during traditional business hours and some activities in the evenings and on weekends.

Applications are available through Mary Groth of the CMBA (mgroth@clemetrobar.org) on the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's website at www.clemetrobar.org/Stokes_Scholars/ or through College Now Greater Cleveland. **The deadline for applications is April 1, 2016.**

The **Stokes Scholars Program** is named after **Louis Stokes (1925 -2015)**, who was a distinguished Congressman, attorney (who retired from the law firm now known as Squire Patton & Boggs LLP), and CMBA member and as a Congressman, he represented the Cleveland area for over three decades (1968 – 1999), being the first African-American elected to Congress from Ohio. He and his late brother Carl – the first African-American elected mayor of a major city – rose to the heights of political power from humble beginnings as residents of Cleveland's Outhwaite public housing projects. A graduate of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, he was the recipient of numerous awards for his public and community service as well as for the practice of law.

This opportunity is brought to you by the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association and the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation.

PART B. EDUCATION

1. LIST ALL HIGH SCHOOLS ATTENDED SINCE 8TH GRADE AND FOR EACH PROVIDE THE DATES (START AND END MONTHS AND YEARS) OF ATTENDANCE AND IDENTIFY THE SCHOOL YOU ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING:

2. CUMULATIVE HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE: _____

3. MOST RECENT SEMESTER GRADE POINT AVERAGE: _____

4. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DATE (Actual or Expected – circle one): MONTH _____ YEAR _____

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL FROM WHICH YOU GRADUATED OR WILL GRADUATE _____

(QUESTIONS 5 – 11 ARE FOR COLLEGE OR POST COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY)

5. LIST ALL COLLEGE/UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED AND FOR EACH PROVIDE THE DATES (START AND END MONTHS AND YEARS) OF ATTENDANCE AND IDENTIFY THE SCHOOL YOU ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING:

6. CURRENT COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY: _____

7. CUMULATIVE COLLEGE GRADE POINT AVERAGE _____

8. COLLEGE GRADUATION DATE (Actual or Expected – circle one): MONTH _____ YEAR _____

9. NAME OF COLLEGE FROM WHICH YOU GRADUATED (OR WILL GRADUATE): _____

10. COLLEGE MAJOR AND MINORS (OR ANTICIPATED IF NOT YET ENROLLED): _____

11. POST-COLLEGE/GRADUATE SCHOOL (IF APPLICABLE)

NAME OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ATTENDING (OR WILL ATTEND): _____

DATES OF ATTENDANCE (OR ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE): _____

MAJOR OR FIELD OF GRADUATE STUDY: _____

DATE OF DEGREE OR ANTICIPATED DATE OF DEGREE: _____

2. **CAREER GOALS STATEMENT**: DISCUSS YOUR SCHOOL AND CAREER GOALS; WHAT LED YOU TO SET THOSE GOALS AND HOW YOU PLAN TO ACCOMPLISH THEM (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET, IF NEEDED):

PART E. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM A TEACHER/PROFESSOR (ATTACH TO APPLICATION) –Please note that the recommendation is to come from only a teacher or professor.

In selecting a **Teacher/Professor** to submit a Letter of Recommendation on your behalf:

- It is preferable to select a teacher/professor who has recently worked with you. The teacher/professor should identify how he/she came to know you, when, and in what context (class room, independent study, extracurricular, etc.).
- Select someone who will speak to those traits that would make you a good legal intern, including but not limited to your ability to focus on tasks and complete them, communicate well, work well with others, take direction and guidance, be punctual, and overcome adversity.

PART F. STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT AND COMMITMENT FOR APPLICANT (AND PARENT OR GUARDIAN IF APPLICANT IS UNDER 18)

In signing this application, I/we certify that:

1. I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that all required forms and supporting material reach the office of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association by the due date. Failure to submit information may result in the rejection of my application.
2. The information provided by me in this application is complete, true, and accurate. I understand that any material misrepresentation or omission may be cause for disqualification or result in expulsion from the Program.
3. I understand that my timely attendance for work at my assigned employment site as well as all Stokes Scholars Program events is required as condition of compensation and participation in the Program.

4. The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association and/or the Stokes Scholars Employer has the right to terminate my internship at any time if it has been determined that I have conducted myself in an improper manner during the Stokes Scholars Program.
5. I understand that the information submitted in this application will be shared with the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association and its Stokes Scholars Committee, the Stokes Scholars Employer, and with those assisting in the administration of the Program, including but not limited to the applicant's school/college/university
6. If I must leave the Program for any reason, I must immediately call and notify the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (see below for contact person and phone number) as well as the contact person for my assigned Stokes Scholars Employer.
7. I understand that permission is granted to the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, my school/college/university, my Stokes Scholars Employer, and College Now to use any photograph, video, or other visual representation of my internship as well as anything I am asked to write about the internship in their communications and publications.

PART G. ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES

1. Has the applicant ever been convicted of a felony or the juvenile court equivalent of a felony?*

Yes _____ No _____

** Note that you are not required to disclose convictions for which the record has been judicially expunged, sealed, or eradicated, and conviction does not automatically disqualify an applicant. And please note that this question is asked routinely by employers and could be a factor in the internship selection process.*

If yes, please explain: _____

PART H. REQUIRED SIGNATURES

 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

 DATE

 SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN (IF APPLICABLE)

 DATE

THIS APPLICATION, YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENTS, AND LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION ARE DUE TO THE CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION NO LATER THAN Friday, April 1, 2016.

PART I. HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS PROGRAM? (please check all that apply)

- Teacher
- Mentor
- Friend
- Internship Listing at High School or College
- College Now Greater Cleveland
- Other (please describe): _____

Please direct Application and questions to:

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